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Clear improvement by 11-year-olds

School tests give boost to Shephard

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND ANDREW PIERCE

A DRAMATIC improvement in the standards achieved by 11-year-olds in this summer's national tests in English and mathematics has given a boost to Gillian Shephard's step-by-step approach to education reform.

On the eve of the announcement of radical plans to fulfil John Major's dream of a grammar school in every town, the test results, to be published later this year, have provided valuable ammunition for the Education and Employment Secretary.

Early projections by officials at the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority show 50 per cent reaching or exceeding the required level in English, compared with 48 per cent last year. A further 12 per cent are expected to be awarded higher passes, compared with 5 per cent last year.

In mathematics, the proportion meeting the standard is expected to increase from 44 to 53 per cent, with the higher-level pass rate also rising. Results in science are still the best of the three subjects tested.

Ministers, as well as teachers, faced a storm of criticism when last year's tests showed fewer than half of all pupils reaching the expected standard in English and mathematics before leaving primary school. But an analysis of the latest results shows a transformation in both core subjects.

Mrs Shephard's private opposition to a rapid acceleration in the grammar school programme, which will be announced tomorrow, has put her at odds with the Downing Street Policy Unit and angered right-wing Tory MPs who see the move as a vote winner.

The proposals will be unveiled by Mrs Shephard at the



Shephard: at odds with policy on grammars

the this summer's results, leaked in The Times, shows a leap in performance. The disclosure will ease pressure on the minister who last week was given a warm reception at a private meeting of the executive officers of the 1922 Tory backbench committee.

With the good news on test results, and the launch of the White Paper, Mrs Shephard's supporters were hoping last night that the rumbles of discontent about her performance will cease.

Sir Malcolm Thornton, the former Tory education minister, who is chairman of the Commons education select committee, said Mrs Shephard had been vindicated by the test results. "They will help to rebut the unfair criticism which has been levelled at Gillian Shephard from her own side. The Shephard approach to reform, evolution and not revolution, is the right one."

Labour is planning to unveil tomorrow its own proposals to increase school funding by capping the amount a future government would allow local education authorities to spend on administration.

The Opposition will seek to embarrass Mrs Shephard by highlighting reports that she actively campaigned to close grammar schools, as a Norfolk county councillor, after the Conservatives legislated to preserve them.

Teaching unions last night condemned the White Paper. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters-Union of Women Teachers, said it was a "curious ragbag of measures which will do little for education and even less for the political fortunes of the Conservative Party."



Punk nostalgia was on show in Finsbury Park, north London, as the Sex Pistols staged a much-hyped reunion concert. Caidin Moran, Page 6

Beef ban over in months, says Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

JOHN MAJOR will tell MPs today that the European Union ban on British beef exports across the world should be lifted completely "within months".

He will also say that separate parts of the embargo, including that on prime beef from grass-fed herds with no history of BSE and young calves, should be raised as early as the autumn. He will say that he wants the ban to countries outside the EU, including South Africa, to be lifted sooner.

The Prime Minister's high

risk decision to put estimates for the first time on the removal of the ban, comes despite the absence of a timescale in the peace deal that ended the beef war at the Florence summit. The move comes as Cabinet ministers are increasing the pressure on John Major to sack or move Douglas Hogg from his post of Agriculture Minister. At least five ministers, including Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and Roger Freeman, Public Service Minister, are leading the opposition to Mr Hogg.

They have expressed their views to Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, and the Prime Minister is aware of the disquiet. A reshuffle of middle-ranking ministers will be held next month. Mr Major has made clear he has no intention of changing his Cabinet.

His Commons statement will be welcomed by Conservative MPs who have been under pressure from farmers to give them hope of an early lifting of the ban. It is also designed to counter Labour claims that the embargo will still be in force at the time of the election.

The Prime Minister is also preparing for another con-

frontation with Europe by opposing any further moves towards integration. He has decided to use the EU's decision to hold two summits rather than one during the Irish presidency, which begins next month, to set out a sceptical platform highlighting the differences with Labour.

Mr Major is expected to say

that he will not allow progress in the inter-governmental conference (IGC) unless it shows it is prepared to take action to prevent the use of health and safety rules to impose the social chapter on Britain by

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The death of Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist firebrand of Greece, could remove an obstacle to the Europeanisation of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist and Movement, the party he founded. Page 9

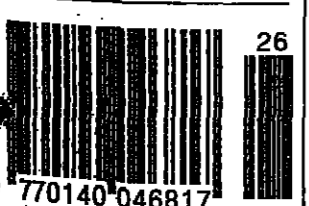
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A golden parachute payment of £5 million has been arranged for Victor Rice, chief executive of LucasVarity. He will get the payment if he is dismissed in the five years after the £3.2 billion merger of Lucas and Varity. Page 48

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Another day and another enemy for the press corps

BY JOE JOSEPH

SIR Francis Drake has turned into Sir Winston Churchill overnight as Commander-in-Chief Terry Venables blossoms into Britain's all-purpose, wartime saviour.

After beating Croatia yesterday, Germany, the Euro 96 favourites, meet England in the semi-finals on Wednesday. Many people see the fixture as a too-long-delayed Wembley replay of the 1966 World Cup Final, a game which convinced England that it really was a nation of footballers, and which convinced Germany that England had pulled a fast one.

London's fury with Bonn over the beef war has only added spice to the match. Clausewitz was wrong: it's not war that is the continuation of politics by other means. It is football that is the continuation of war by other means.

Women everywhere are defiantly sewing lions to their sons' football shirts and selflessly offering to bear Alan Shearer's babies.

The British soccer reporters stationed at England's training ground-cum-Command HQ in Buckinghamshire send

back news of victories and casualties from the front. Much of a press conference at the England camp yesterday was spent quizzing Terry Venables in such minute detail that it sounded like a medical tutorial.

Having now sent the Spanish Armada packing, British tabloids - the advance shock troops of modern tactical warfare - are preparing to send in their tanks against the



"Venables should pick him - he'd terrify the Germans"

Germany. They are packed not with alert soldiers, but with a far scarier crew: pun-crazy headline writers who will craft inky shrieks of abuse, things like 'Spit-fire at 'em Tel', or 'Send the Fokker packing'.

Germany through. Wednesday's game against England will be the final," said Kai-Uwe Hesse from Germany's Bild, a national daily tabloid which already has seven journalists and a photographer here. "You can forget next Sunday."

Christian Lorenz of Express, of Cologne said: "It will be 1966 all over again. We'll be re-analysing that dubious goal. But we don't have these war-mongering phrases that British newspapers have been using against the Spanish. We won't be writing that 'German tanks are rolling again'."

The man from Bild finally located England captain Tony Adams. "Do you have a word for Germany", Hesse asked? "I have two words," snapped Adams, joking.

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Howard carpets new prison chief

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD has clashed with the new Chief Inspector of Prisons and has tried to stop him discussing prison policy in public.

The Home Secretary acted amid concern in the Home Office and prison service over the high profile General Sir David Ramsbottom has presented since starting work seven months ago. His actions have included a dramatic walk-out at Holloway prison in north London in protest over conditions.

Sir David has publicly expressed scepticism about boot camps for young offenders and about a "supermax" jail to hold the most dangerous criminals. He has also suggested that prison health care should be contracted out to the NHS.

Mr Howard intervened after Sir David held a press conference on the second day of an inspection of Doncaster jail in South Yorkshire. At what was described as an "acrimonious" meeting in the Home Office, he told Sir David that he was expected to report to him, not the media.

The chief inspector was told that Mr Howard wanted in future to be told the outcome of

his inspections before the media.

Twelve days ago, when Sir David, 61, had planned to address a press conference about the treatment of women in prison and about women's jails in England and Wales, the Home Secretary made clear that he should not stray into areas of policy. As a result, Sir David's remarks were confined largely to the improvements in conditions he had found during a second inspection at Holloway.

Whitehall sources deny that Mr Howard has reprimanded Sir David, but a senior official said the Home Secretary had told him "quite firmly" that he should not stray into matters of criminal justice and prison policy. "The Home Secretary wishes to be consulted when Sir David is making public pronouncements," the official said.

Mr Howard's interventions follow remarks made by Sir David in which he appeared to have moved beyond his brief of inspecting prisons and reporting to the Home Secretary on the treatment of prisoners and conditions in the 135 jails in England and Wales.

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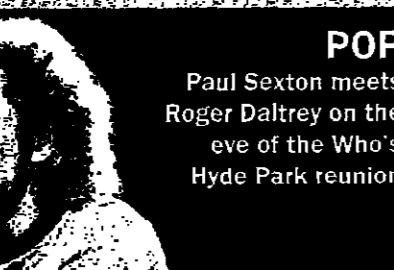
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Heseltine may lift monopoly on mail

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND PHILIP BASSETT

MICHAEL HESELTINE has intervened in the postal dispute, threatening to suspend the Royal Mail's monopoly on delivering letters because of exasperation with the Department of Trade and Industry. The Deputy Prime Minister was appalled that Friday's 24-hour strike by more than 100,000 workers, the first in the business for a decade, passed without a word of public condemnation from Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. Mr Heseltine has ordered Mr Lang to prepare to suspend the

monopoly on each day of the dispute to enable private operators to step in. Mr Heseltine believes that the strike, the first in a series of planned one-day stoppages, offers ministers a rare opportunity to go on the offensive against the Labour Party. He is supported by Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, who has used the dispute to attack Margaret Beckett, Shadow President of the Board of Trade, who is regarded in Tory circles as "old Labour". Mr Lang has resisted the "politicisation" of his department and has refused to become embroiled in party politicking on the merits of the mail strike, which was called over

pay and working practices. He believes that a public and divisive intervention could wreck the peace talks due to start today between the Communication Workers' Union and the Royal Mail. A DTI source said: "There is no benefit for us in meddling in this. Any intervention from us could be counter-productive and lead to a more prolonged strike." The Royal Mail has a monopoly on letters that cost less than £1 to handle, and private firms are keen to be allowed into this delivery market. Yesterday it insisted that the suspension was an option that had been considered even before the interven-

tion of Mr Heseltine. A spokeswoman said: "Any question of suspending the monopoly would be considered in the light of prevailing circumstances. Nothing is ruled in or out." If this week's planned further one-day stoppage on Thursday is followed by others, or extended into longer strikes, the DTI will come under heavy pressure from business for the monopoly to be suspended. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, yesterday accused the Government of trying to destroy the Post Office. "I would regard it as deeply damaging and indeed vindictive on behalf of the Government if it was to tackle the monopoly over the

letter supply by the Post Office. "It is characteristic of this Government that given actually one big institution that works well and works efficiently, they want to destroy it," he told BBC TV's Breakfast With Frost. He said that the post strike was a matter for the union, but Labour did not want to see another day of dispute. The Communication Workers' Union has called a second 24-hour strike from next Thursday. The Royal Mail described the industrial action as "senseless" and said it had been making every effort to end the dispute. "Our patience is not inexhaustible," a spokesman said.

Portillo heads counter-attack against Labour

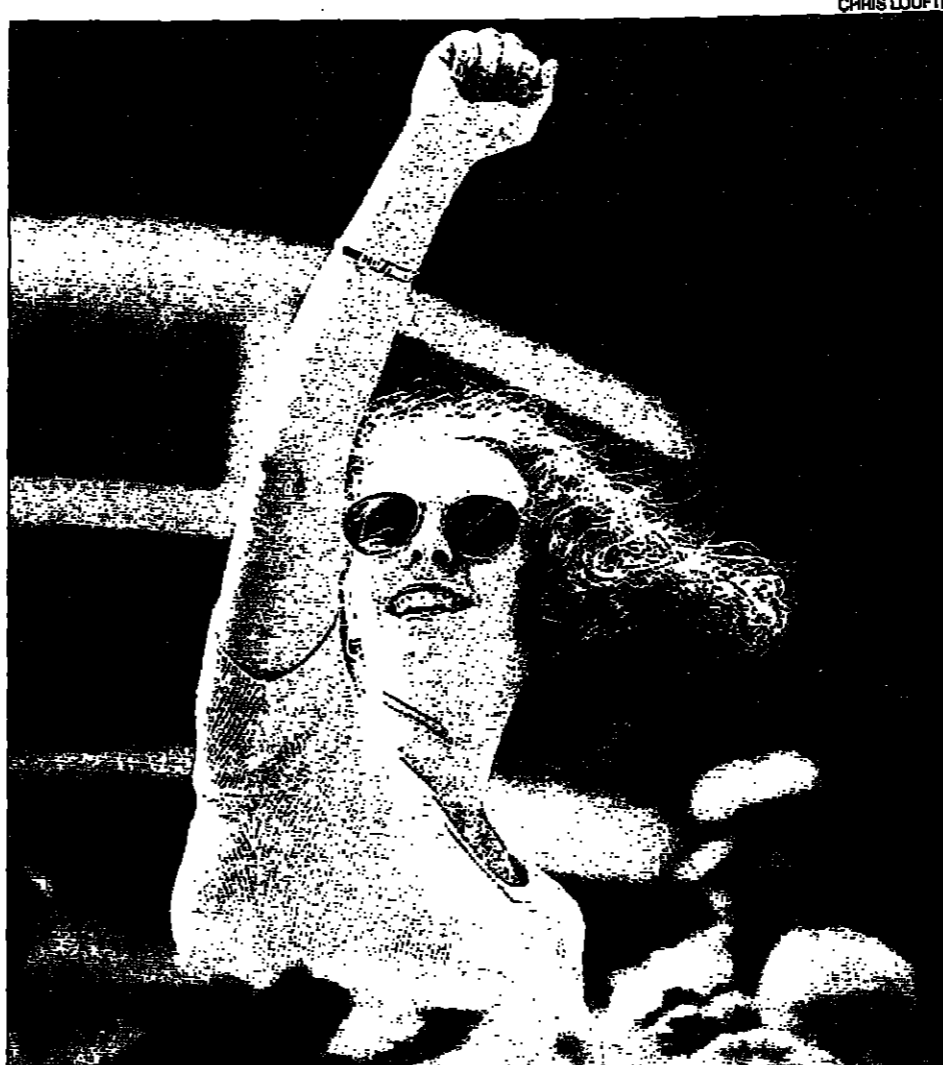
BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL PORTILLO is returning to the Tory front line to spearhead a counter-offensive against Labour. The Defence Secretary will chair a new committee at Conservative Central Office that will co-ordinate attacks on Tony Blair and the Labour Party. Alleged divisions in the Shadow Cabinet, Labour's tax-and-spend image, renewed attacks on the "loony left" in Labour town halls, and contradictions in Labour's education policy will be top of the Portillo agenda. Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, is determined to increase his firepower against Labour. Other electioneering committees are being set up this week, which will be chaired by Cabinet heavyweights such as Michael Heseltine. The move is a further sign that the party high command is preparing for a possible early election.

Mr Portillo is to work closely with the Tory research department to convert anti-Labour propaganda into hard-hitting attacks in the national and regional media. Education will be a key area. The first page of a ten-page Central Office report, *Labour say one thing but do another*, is devoted to the subject. It contrasts Labour MPs who send their children to grant-maintained schools with the policy statements of David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary. Education ministers have been privately criticised by Tory MPs for being too soft on Labour. Central Office will sharpen the attacks. Central Office has a new computer, Excalibur, which will store politicians' recent speeches, gaffes, policy statements, and canvass returns. Mr Portillo's return to the spotlight will delight his supporters on the Tory Right who are conscious that his stock has tumbled sharply in the last 12 months. Until last year's party leadership election, many moderate Tory MPs had feared that Mr Portillo, who is the same age as Mr Blair, would become the next leader of his party. But since the leadership contest Mr Portillo's star has waned and he has been eclipsed by John Redwood, who has raised the standard of the Tory Right, having challenged John Major for the party leadership last summer.

A poll in *The Times* last month showed that, for the first time, John Redwood had overtaken Mr Portillo in the public's ranking of possible successors to Mr Major. However, Mr Portillo is popular with the Tory grass roots. Mr Portillo's reputation has been battered by a series of gaffes not least the suggested sale of Admiralty Arch. The decision was hastily reversed by Downing Street. He was also criticised for his rumbustiously Euro-sceptic speech at last year's Tory conference.

shops were open, but the badly damaged Arndale Centre next to the scene of the blast remains closed. Engineers and council chiefs will be about to begin assessing detailed reports of the damage before making decisions about the centre's future. Marks & Spencer, whose store took the full force of the blast, has announced that it will rebuild in the city. Pat Karney, chairman of the council's city centre subcommittee, said: "This was an important weekend for the city. We have to show the world that Manchester is back in business."



A partygoer getting into the swing in Albert Square, Manchester, yesterday

Shattered city rebuilds party spirit

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Railways to lose safety committee

The rail industry's highest safety body is to be scrapped because of privatisation (Jonathan Pryn writes). The British Rail Joint Safety Committee will meet almost certainly for the last time in October, more than 20 years after it was set up.

The committee is the only nationwide safety body pooling the views of rail managers and workers, and meets quarterly. Lew Adams, head of the drivers' union Aslef, said the change was outrageous. A BR source said the fragmentation of the rail industry made change necessary.

Instead, discussions between workers and management about safety will take place on a less formal, local level. Legal responsibility for safety on the railways is being transferred to Railtrack.

Image of canny Scot 'not racist'

Advertising watchdogs have rejected complaints that a commercial which joked about the Scots being careful with money was "racist and offensive to the Scottish". Eleven viewers complained about the advertisement for the B&Q chain in which a Scotsman said that the DIY stores had never had better deals and then added: "I should know, I'm a Scotsman." The Independent Television Commission said the comment was goodnatured.

Family angry at road rage claim

Kent Police yesterday dismissed suggestions that Stephen Cameron, who died in a stabbing in a "road rage" attack near the M25 at Swanley, knew his killer. They said they were still treating the incident, a month ago, as a random attack resulting from a driving dispute. The families of Mr Cameron and his fiancée, Danielle Cable, said they were angered by the suggestion and described them as a "pack of lies".

Elderly couple found murdered

An elderly couple have been found murdered in their home. The bodies of Joseph Ploch, 86, and his wife Kornelia, 82, were discovered by police on Saturday after neighbours in Fulham, west London, reported that they had not been seen for several days. A post-mortem revealed that the couple had been strangled. Mrs Ploch had facial injuries. Police, who have launched a murder hunt, said they were not aware of a motive.

Call for refunds over roadworks

Britain's 25 million motorists should be given rebates on their car tax when too much of the road network is under repair, the Automobile Association claims today. John Dawson, the policy director, is calling for a payment of £10 for every month that standards slip under the Highway Agency's Road User's Charter, which says that 99 per cent of lanes on motorways and trunk roads should be free from roadworks at all times.

MPs to have free vote on changes to defamation law

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

MPs are to be given a free vote this evening on whether they want to alter their 300-year-old laws of privilege to help them to sue newspapers for libel. John Major and the Lord Chancellor have given their tacit support to an amendment to the defamation Bill that would change the 17th-century Bill of Rights.

Neil Hamilton, who was forced to resign as a minister after a newspaper accused him of impropriety, Mr Hamilton has led a campaign for the amendment which will allow MPs to waive their privileges after a court ruling prevented him from suing *The Guardian* after a "cash for questions" allegation. The newspaper's lawyers successfully argued that because of MPs' privilege, they were unable to question Mr Hamilton on matters in the Commons, so the case was prejudiced.

The Liberal Democrats are even more vitriolic. They want to give the privileges committee in each House responsibility for waiving immunity in court proceedings. Mr Hamilton said: "We are gravely concerned about the way in which the constitution is being tampered with to allow one individual MP to bring a case to court. Such a major constitutional change should have occurred only after widespread consultation."

Many Tory backbenchers also want more ammunition to fight newspaper allegations of sleaze. But the Labour front bench has made it clear that it will front upon such a move, and hopes for support from several Tory rebels are expected to support them in tonight's third reading. Labour claims the amendment only seems to have been added to help the Tory MP

The Lords backed the amendment after Baroness Thatcher gave it her support, but Labour has added to wrecking amendments in the Commons. Paul Boateng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said: "We are gravely concerned about the way in which the constitution is being tampered with to allow one individual MP to bring a case to court. Such a major constitutional change should have occurred only after widespread consultation."

Fire bomb attack on meat firm

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A LIVESTOCK transporter narrowly missed death yesterday after an incendiary device fixed to one of his lorry's front wheels failed to ignite. But two other lorries in the yard at Dry Drayton, Cambridgeshire, were gutted when another device exploded.

Early end to beef ban

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arrived at the Minister's London home to take him to the studio at midday, but it was turned away by his wife, Baroness Hogg, the former head of the Downing Street policy unit. According to BBC sources, Lady Hogg explained that Downing Street had intervened and asked Mr Hogg not to go ahead with the interview. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, was giving a live interview on BBC1 television about the end of the beef war 30 minutes earlier. He was asked twice on the programme, *On the Record*, whether he had full confidence in Mr Hogg, but declined to answer.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said: "Mr Hogg withdrew because Malcolm Rifkind went to the summit and is regarded as the spokesman on the issue." But it was David Davis, the Foreign Office Minister whose reported threat to resign from the Government was linked to the performance of Douglas Hogg, who had been scheduled to take part in the radio programme. He only dropped out when Mr Hogg agreed to take part on Saturday night.

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Michael Speechley, 42, arrived at the yard at 2am to find the blazing lorries. He jumped into another one to move it out of the way. Police later found a device under the cab. A barn and a car were also destroyed. "It took my breath away when I realised, I would assume this is animal rights people. But I don't know why they've picked us," he said. He said the business, which he runs with his brother Peter, 44, had received an anonymous call six months ago asking "How can you do it?" "But we've never been involved in anything high profile. We just take cattle and pigs from farms to abattoirs." In another attack yesterday two lorries were set ablaze in an abattoir yard at Minsterworth, Gloucestershire.

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Ticket fury at Wembley as 12-hour queue is told: you should have phoned

By JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS
CORRESPONDENT

EXTRA police were called to Wembley box office yesterday as angry football fans threatened officials who refused to sell them tickets for the Euro 96 semi-final. England supporters had travelled hundreds of miles and queued all night, only to discover that bookings had to be made by credit card over the phone.

Thousands who tried to ring the box office from around Britain heard only a dead-line tone, caused when a massive number of calls are received on one number.

Some supporters queued for more than 12 hours in the hope of buying one of the remaining 3,000 seats when the stadium opened at 9am yesterday. They insisted that a message on the stadium's answering machine did not make clear that there would be no personal sales, as had been the case for the quarter-final against Spain.

About 40 fans spent the night in sleeping bags, and others travelled through the night from as far afield as Newcastle and Leicester. Many refused to disperse despite being told no tickets were available.

After three hours of negotiations between UEFA, the European governing body, the Football Association and Wembley, they were promised first call on any tickets returned out of the 7,000 seat-allocation to England's opponents for the Wednesday match.

Hours later, the fans' worst fears were realised as Germany beat Croatia 2-1 in their quarter-final at Old Trafford. The Germans are expected to take up their full allocation.

One supporter, Don Harris, 33, from Northampton, said: "We watched the Saturday's game on television, telephoned the box office and then drove down straight here. We slept on the steps all night, only to get this news. I don't think I will come back to Wembley again."

Neil McManus, 29 from

England's victory over Spain on Saturday attracted the largest television audience of Euro 96 so far, with nearly 18 million viewers for the penalty shoot-out in the game's last minutes. It was the second biggest television audience ever for a football match in Britain and the highest ratings for the game since England lost to West Germany on penalties in the World Cup on July 4, 1990. That match attracted 25.21 million viewers.

The BBC and ITV will compete head-on for the Euro 96 semi-finals on Wednesday, with both channels promising full live coverage for the afternoon and evening games. The two channels have alternated their coverage up to now, but neither broadcaster feels that it can afford to miss the remaining matches. BBC's live coverage of Saturday's match attracted an average audience of nearly 15 million, giving it an audience share of 84 per cent.

Leicester, said: "I think the organisation has been terrible. Somebody should take the responsibility for this."

They received support from David Mellor, the former National Heritage Secretary. Speaking on LWT's *CrossTalk*, he described the situation as a farce, adding: "Football is the only industry where the fans are treated appallingly, even though they are the customers. This is quite wrong."

Steve Baker, 41, a teacher from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, arrived at the ground at 4am and watched as the crowd grew. He said: "The police here are obviously concerned by the crowd. I've got a 13-year-old son who has a once in a lifetime chance to see something like this. I don't want to go back to him and say

Wembley Stadium cocked it up."

Susan Glenn, 43, from Beaconsfield, said that she and her family had not only tried to get tickets in person, but had also used three mobile and two other phones to try to book seats.

Alec McGivern, a Euro 96 spokesman, said that a message had been displayed on the stadium scoreboard during England's quarter-final win over Spain on Saturday, telling the public that tickets would be sold only by telephone.

He said: "The national interest in this event is so colossal that whatever system we had used, someone would have been unhappy. With only 3,000 seats available we decided, for safety and practical

reasons, not to sell them at the box office. It would also have been unfair on people who live in places such as Liverpool and Manchester, to have expected them to travel to London to get seats. This competition is being staged by England, not London.

"I can understand the frustration of the fans but they must understand that there are thousands of other dedicated fans who want to be at Wembley on Wednesday."

More than 1.3 million tickets have been sold for the tournament, which has been plagued by problems in the distribution of seats. Last month, Trevor Phillips resigned as the FA's commercial director to save the governing body from "embarrassment", when several London companies offering hospitality packages were raided by the police.

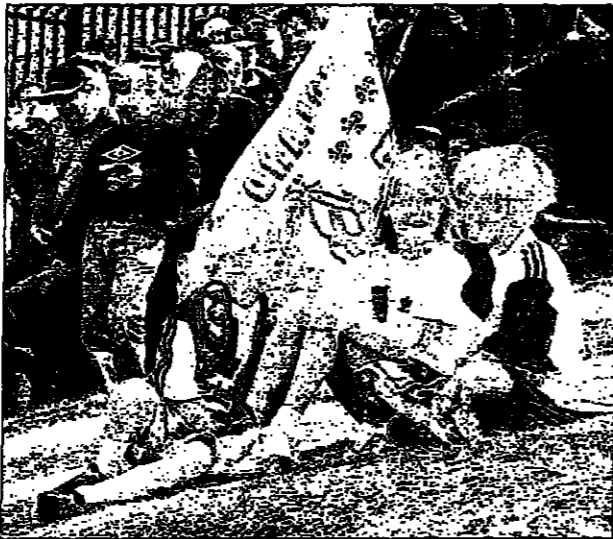
Euro 96 also had to withhold the sale of some seats at Old Trafford because plans to segregate fans had not been completed.

Fighting broke out between Spanish locals and about 50 British holidaymakers on the Costa del Sol after Saturday's match. Bottles and stones were thrown between supporters from both sides on the seafront at Fuengirola.

English and Spanish bar owners agreed that a small number of England fans had started the trouble. The fighting flared outside the London Bar, where a spokesman said: "There were a small group of Spanish teenagers all aged around 13. They were standing opposite the terrace of the pub chanting 'España' over and over. At first the English fans chanted back and were laughing, but then one of them threw a bottle across the road."

"A young Spanish girl was very lucky and the bottle just skimmed past her face and smashed on the ground." After the first missile, a hail of glasses and stones was aimed at the youngsters, who then retaliated. The police arrived and managed to get a few of the English fans in the back of a van, but the real trouble makers got away," he said.

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Children waiting in the sun at Wembley Stadium as supporters queue in vain for semi-final tickets



Tarquin Southwell, 24, has been singled out as this season's best young player

Polo crowds silence the doubters

By GRACE BRADBERRY

THE polo world is celebrating the return of youth and money to the sport after several seasons when it seemed that the game might be losing its pukka image.

Society commentators were sounding the death knell last year when Cartier talked of ending its involvement because the game was no longer considered chic. But yesterday the Alfred Dunhill Queen's Cup final was a sell-out, raising hopes of enduring appeal.

"I saw all the cars arriving, and they were all so smart and shiny again," the author Jilly Cooper said. "The glamour is definitely back."

Lord Patrick Beresford, a leading figure on the polo circuit, said: "There's a lot of money in polo now. There are also a lot more good young British polo players."

Two of the most talented young players, Tarquin Southwell, 24, and Julian Daniels, 21, were on opposing sides at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday. Mr Southwell has been singled out by insiders, and many female fans, as this season's best young player. He is one of a new breed who have worked their way up through smaller clubs.

In the final Ellerston White defeated Alcatel by eight goals to six. The Queen presented the prizes. Match report, page 36

Wives must wait in the wings as players toe the no-party line

By CAROL MIDGLEY

HAVING been denied the luxury of champagne, or even tequila, to toast their quarter-final victory, England's football heroes are doing without another home comfort this week — their wives.

Terry Venables, their coach, has told the squad they must remain within the confines of their Buckinghamshire retreat and abstain from seeing wives, girlfriends and families until their final match is over.

On Saturday night the players, exhausted from the gruelling match against Spain in which they endured 30 minutes of extra time and a penalty shoot-out, were allowed only mineral water and soft drinks.

Although most of their partners took their seats at Wembley — Paul Gascoigne's fiancée Sheryl Kyle arrived at the stadium in a Cadillac with

Bookmakers will have to pay out about £5 million if England win Euro 96. The championship is the biggest betting event in British history and has already cost the bookies dear. They had to pay about £900,000 after England's 2-0 victory over Scotland. One punter will win £65,000 from a £10,000 bet placed at 13/2 if England emerge victorious in the final at Wembley. The home team were yesterday 9/4 to win, down from 8/1 before Euro 96 began.

their baby son Regan — they will not be guests at the Burnham Beeches Hotel, which Venables has transformed into a small fortress to keep out the press. He is desperate to protect them from publicity which may affect their concentration.

Yesterday Liz Pearce, wife of the defender Stuart who kept his nerve to score the penalty that eluded him in the 1990 World Cup, refused an offer of £20,000 from a tabloid newspaper to talk about the nerve-wracking ordeal of watching her husband take the shot.

Pearce said it was the thought of his wife's voice saying, "Oh no, not you again!" if he missed that willed him on.

"She turned it down without batting an eyelid," an FA spokesman said. "Stuart has asked for privacy for all members of his family to be respected and most of the players feel the same way."

Mrs Pearce, 33, a former showjumping groom, watched the match at Wembley but was yesterday with friends in London.

Mr Venables said: "I'd like to be able to let them out of the

hotel to enjoy themselves — they've earned that — but I can't. I think they should be allowed to see their wives, girlfriends and families. But they understand. It's just one more week.

"The real hope is they will be able to do exactly what they want after the final next Sunday."

During the 1996 World Cup, all the players' wives attended the games but were segregated from their men. Famously, for the celebrations after the victory, they were required to attend a separate dinner.

Among the partners waiting patiently in the wings this year are Lainya Shearer, the 25-year-old wife of striker Alan. The couple have been married for five years and have two daughters. However, Mrs Shearer admits that she is not a great fan of football and watches only when her husband is playing.

Mother dies on drive to graveside

By CAROL MIDGLEY

TWO children were orphaned yesterday when their mother was killed while taking them to visit their father's grave.

Kathleen Leach, 37, a hospital telephone operator, from Frimley, Surrey, died when her car ran out of control and rolled over near Farnborough, Hampshire. Her children Clare, 9, and Stephen, 7, strapped in the back seat, survived.

They were on their way to the Aldershot Military Cemetery to visit the grave of their father, a serving soldier who died from a heart attack two years ago. Mrs Leach was taken to Frimley Park Hospital, where nurses recognised her as a colleague.

Sergeant Nick Harris said: "The family were on their way to visit their father's grave when the accident happened. Now those little kiddies have lost their mum as well. Kathleen came from a big family and relatives are now with the children."

Penfriends across the Atlantic meet at last after 55 years

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

TWO penfriends who forged an enduring relationship for 55 years across the Atlantic met yesterday for the first time.

Eileen Coventry and Mary Scheerschmidt, both 66, started their monthly correspondence between Berkshire and Alberta, Canada, at the beginning of the Second World War, but never even

spoke on the phone. Their letters have taken them through four marriages and seven children between them. During the war, Mrs Scheerschmidt's family sent food parcels to her English friend to help her through the years of rations.

At Mrs Coventry's cottage near Newbury, the two women explained how their friendship started in 1941 when a friend of Eileen, then

aged 11, wrote to a newspaper in Canada asking for penpals. She was inundated with replies and passed one to Eileen from Mary Carliss, an 11-year-old from Stettler, Alberta. "I remember receiving a letter with a tiny photo of Eileen inside," Mrs Scheerschmidt recalled. "I thought she looked nice and I wrote straight back."

Both women confessed to nerves about their first meeting. "It made me think why on earth didn't we phone each Christmas and birthdays," Mrs Scheerschmidt said. Mrs Coventry said: "Finally meeting was emotional and I had butterflies but we really are the best of friends and we are having a lovely time." Their husbands, Raymond and Bernard, both retired farmers, are also getting along famously.

The two women are planning lots of long walks before Mrs Scheerschmidt's return to Canada on Friday. Mrs Scheerschmidt said: "I want her to take me to all the old haunts that she used to write to me about."



Mary Scheerschmidt, left, and Eileen Coventry

Victory is sweet for the common golfer

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

AN EXCLUSIVE golf club whose members include the Duke of Kent has lost the battle to ban commoners from its greens and fairways.

Officials at Huntercombe Golf Club failed to persuade South Oxfordshire District Council to change a bylaw and end a tradition dating back to the 12th century. The council decided unanimously that the club cannot stop local non-members playing golf free on Nuffield Common.

The decision ended an eight-year fight in which the club, which has a ten-year waiting list, was pitched against parish councillors, the local vicar and three quarters of Nuffield village.

Officials of the club, which was built in the 1890s, wanted it to be reserved for the members who pay a £1,000 joining fee and £400 a year membership. The secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Hutchison, a retired Royal Engineers officer, had argued there should be no free golf.

Lucinda Ellis, of the Nuffield Common Conservation Association, said villagers were delighted at the decision. "It was a 100 per cent unanimous vote. Everything will stay as it is — the same as it has been for hundreds of years."

The rector of Nuffield, the Rev John Shearer, 60, who is also a member of the conservation association, said: "I never really thought the club had a chance of changing such a thing."

The club captain, Michael Newell, said the council's decision to do nothing meant members would have to live with the problem of large numbers of golfers taking advantage of the bylaw stating that people in the district had the privilege, not the right, to play golf on the Common.

He said: "Over the years that has been taken to mean golf, but it seems arguable. The problem is not so much that some people are not paying, it is the sheer volume of people coming onto the course not covered by the club's insurance."

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BMA backs nurse who performed 200 operations

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS have nothing to fear from nurses who operate on them, provided that doctors retain overall responsibility for their care, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

Doctors' leaders defended a nurse who claimed to have carried out more than 200 operations unsupervised but warned others that they must not attempt surgical procedures beyond their competence.

Gillian Erickson, 47, who is a theatre nurse at Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral, has been performing the operations since undergoing specialist training last year. They mostly involve minor surgery to remove lumps from the hand under local anaesthetic. She also performs investigations of the cervix for signs of cancer after an abnormal cervical smear.

Nurses elsewhere are doing similar work after a 1992 recommendation by the UK Central Council for Nursing that

their role be extended to minor surgery, running clinics and prescribing drugs.

Medical organisations have argued that the practice frees doctors to perform the more complex procedures for which they have been trained. But the BMA gave warning yesterday that nurses undertaking surgical procedures must obtain prior consent from the hospital trust and the patient and keep to strict protocols, and that doctors must retain overall responsibility.

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA's council, said on GMTV yesterday: "Why shouldn't nurses carry out simple operative techniques? Midwives have been doing it for a very long time and, after all, delivery is a major operation of a kind. So long as you have doctors available with the necessary specialist skills as required, simple procedures can quite safely be carried out by nurses."

Mrs Erickson, a theatre

nurse for almost 20 years, is reported to have sought permission from hospital managers to take up the scalpel after becoming convinced she could use it better than some junior doctors she assisted. She now draws up her own surgical lists and has been asked by the Wirral Hospital Trust, which manages Clatterbridge Hospital, to help informally in training junior doctors.

Mrs Erickson said: "I had watched these operations being performed over and over again and felt I was more capable of doing them than a junior doctor who had been qualified for only a few months. So in a fit of pique, I wrote a business proposal and sent it to the director of the hospital. I was surprised and pleased when it was accepted."

Mrs Erickson had training in local anaesthetic techniques, the removal of growths and suturing. She claimed to have a low compli-



Gillian Erickson, a theatre nurse for almost 20 years, performs a surgical procedure to remove skin lesions

ations rate "which is proof I am doing well".

Managers at the hospital fully backed Mrs Erickson yesterday and said many nurses in Britain were doing similar work. Paul Holt, chief nurse at Wirral Hospitals Trust, said it enhanced care "because it gives surgeons more time to carry out the more specialised major procedures which only they can perform".

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Anti-cancer virus 'promising'

SCIENTISTS using a virus to destroy cancer cells said yesterday that early tests were "very promising" but a cure remained a long way off.

Three men in Glasgow with severe throat cancers have been receiving the new treatment since April. Two more patients will join the trial today as part of clinical trials in Scotland and America. The

work at Glasgow and San Antonio, Texas, originated in 1978, when Dundee scientists discovered a gene protein, p53, which is altered or damaged in most human tumours.

The genetically-engineered virus developed by an American firm, Onyx, can attack cells which have a malfunction of this gene, but leaves others intact.

Research at Sheffield University has found that babies with persistent hyper-insulinaemic hypoglycaemia of infancy — causing overproduction of insulin — have a key protein missing in the pancreas. Screening in the womb could now pinpoint cases for gene therapy, and the discovery may improve understanding of diabetes.

Chemists' remedies fail to cut GP visits

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

BRITAIN is becoming a nation of pill poppers but the increasing trend to self-medication is not deterring patients from visiting their GPs.

Spending on medicines available without prescription has increased by more than half since 1990 but the rise has failed to cut GP workloads or the NHS drugs bill.

Professor Alan Maynard, director of the Centre for Health Economics at York University, says there is no evidence that patients are using drugs more effectively, despite spending £1.25 billion each year on medicines sold over the counter.

In *Over the Counter Medicines*, published today by the Social Market Foundation, he says a radical overhaul of primary care is needed, giving pharmacists a greater role, if self-medication is to cut NHS costs. Patients need to be persuaded to seek pharmacists' advice rather than going straight to their GP, and doctors require incentives to cut down prescriptions.

Unpleasant return from exotic travel



MEDICAL BRIEFING

CASES of giardiasis have been reported among members of the Harbour Club in Chelsea. The club, whose most famous member is the Princess of Wales, specialises in keeping the rich and tanned of London in peak physical condition, and not unnaturally is outraged at the suggestion that its water supply might have given its patrons an unpleasant form of intestinal infection.

The club authorities have posted notices explaining that the swimming pools have been drained and cleaned and that health experts have failed to find any source of the infection on the premises.

Unlike many causes of infective diarrhoea, giardiasis affects the small intestine rather than the large bowel. It is caused by a parasite, *Giardia lamblia*, found throughout the world, although it flourishes where sanitation is primitive and the water supply and drains are close.

As the Harbour Club has 3,750 members who pay a £2,500 entrance fee and a £1,200 annual subscription, it would not be surprising if many of its members did not travel to exotic spots at this

time of year and bring back to this country both a deep tan and the parasites of *Giardia lamblia* hanging by suckers to the wall of the duodenum and jejunum. The club so far has 20 cases, a figure that could be described as disturbing but not alarming.

Giardiasis is not only spread by contaminated water supplies but also by direct contact with infected faeces. It is one of the intestinal diseases commonly spread by sexual intercourse. Its spread is assisted by the lack of severe symptoms in two thirds of its victims. The other third has severe symptoms including cramping abdominal pain, nausea, flatulence, loss of appetite, fever and diarrhoea.

Reports that giardiasis does not respond to antibiotics are inaccurate. Flagyl metronidazole is effective but has one disadvantage: it can be toxic when alcohol is drunk during the course of treatment. There could be a few sunburned teetotalers among the spectators at Wimbledon and Henley this year.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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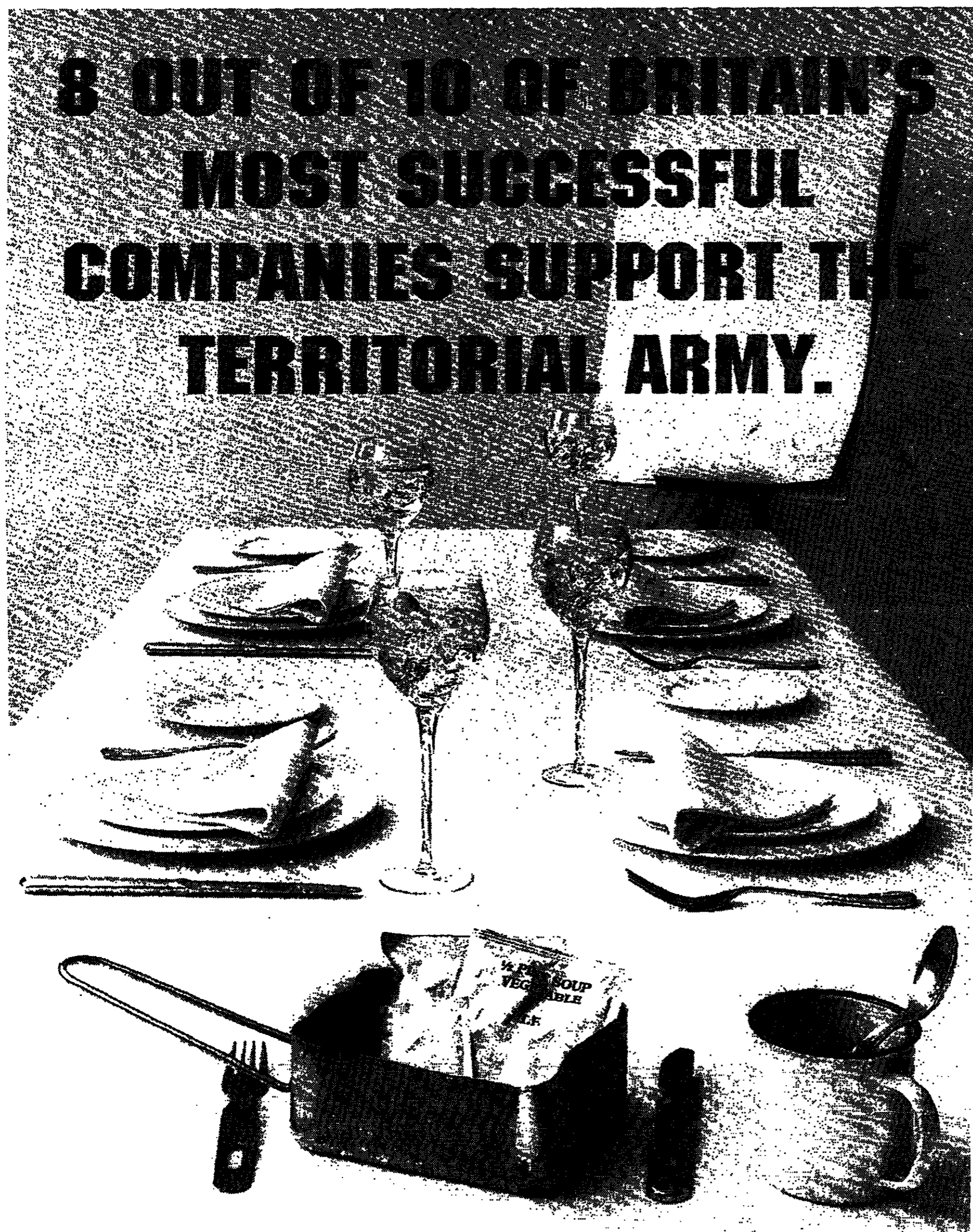
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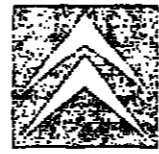
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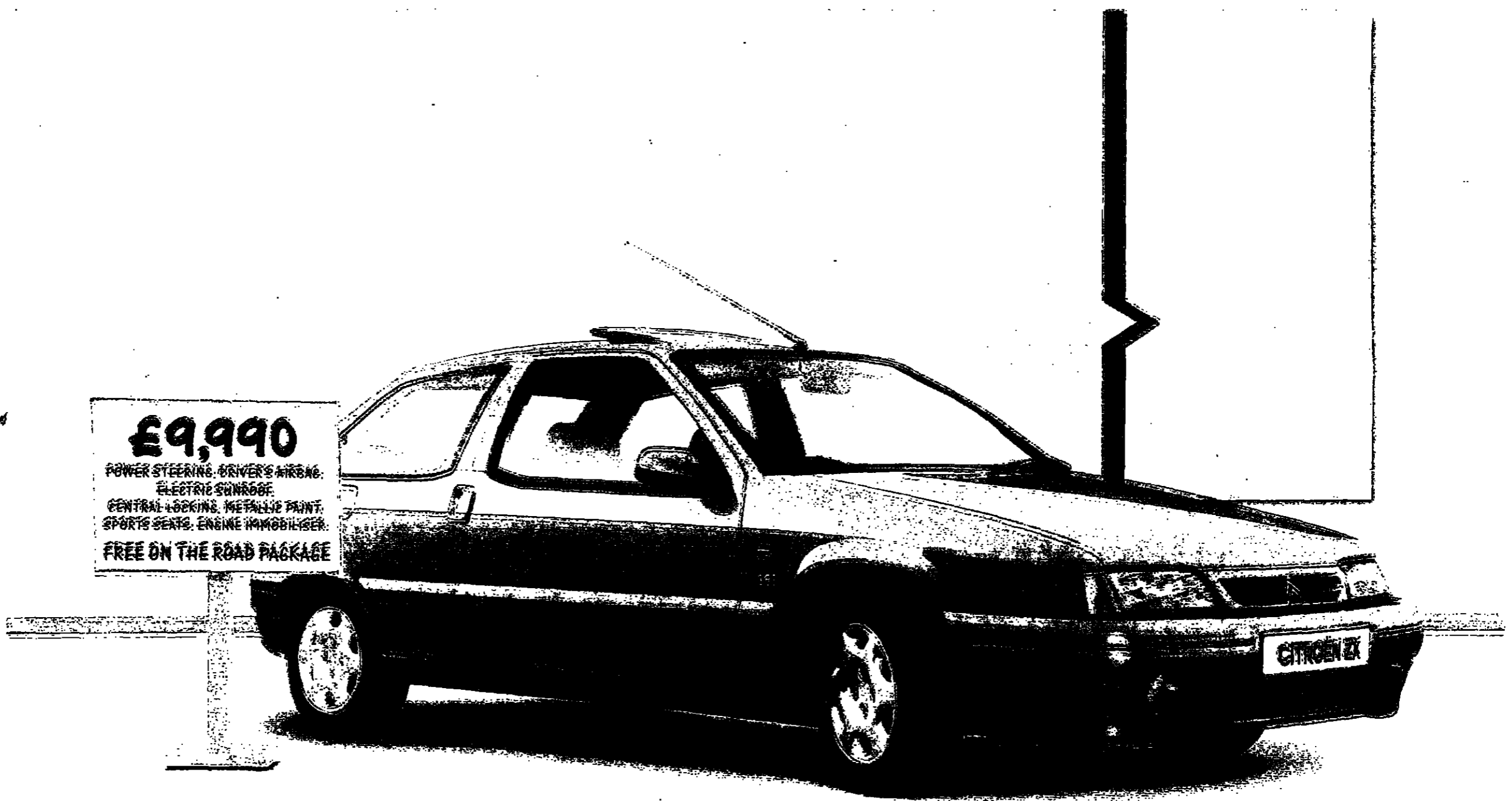
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Farmer describes horror at seeing the birth of BSE

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE manager of the farm where "mad cow" disease was first identified has spoken publicly for the first time of his horror as he watched a mysterious illness in one cow turn into a national disaster.

Eleven years ago, at Plureden Manor Farm near High Halden, Kent, Tom Forsyth and his head dairy stockman first noted the symptoms later to be diagnosed as BSE.

He said: "Looking back over the years since then, horror is the only word to describe my feelings — horror that we had got something that seemed to be out of control."

"We did not know where it was coming from and we did not know how to put it right. Even now the origin of the disease is still not known for certain."

In April 1985 a cow called Jonquil started behaving oddly. The stockman, John Green, was in charge of the herd of 300 Holstein Friesians. Now

retired, he said: "From being a nice quiet cow, she had turned into a nuisance in the milk parlour, acting aggressively towards the other cows. She seemed to hallucinate."

The men's first thought was that Jonquil might be suffering from "grass staggers", which can affect cattle after they are turned out to lush grass in the spring. Caused by a shortage of magnesium in the bloodstream, it is characterised by shivering and staggering, symptoms superficially similar to those of BSE.

The cow did not respond to the usual treatment. Colin Whitaker, the local cattle vet, found she had cystic ovaries. He said: "I treated the ovaries, which got better, but the cow did not. She got worse and was very unsteady on her feet. I thought she might have a brain tumour or abscess."

Eventually Jonquil was put down. For six months or more,

no similar cases appeared. Mr Forsyth hoped that the condition was one of the unexplained curiosities farmers encounter from time to time. Then, at the start of 1986, several more cows went down with identical symptoms.

Mr Forsyth realised he was dealing with something new and frightening. He said: "With our vet, we considered a whole range of possible causes, from lead poisoning to rabies, but nothing made sense."

The decision was taken to alert the Ministry of Agriculture. For the first time, in November 1986, pathologists at the Central Veterinary Laboratory at Weybridge, Surrey, diagnosed an encephalopathy similar to scrapie in sheep. This led to the hypothesis that BSE had been caused by cattle feed containing sheep remains.

Mr Forsyth said: "It was hard to believe that a scrapie-



Tom Forsyth with the Holstein Friesian herd: "We had got something that seemed to be out of control"

like disease could have passed to cattle. Sheep had had scrapie for centuries and had been living together with cattle without any problems. Farmers had been including meat and bone meal in cattle rations since the 1920s.

Since 1986, he has seen "many" cows on his farm go

down with BSE — he declines to give an exact number — among a toll of 160,000 across the nation. As many as 146 of his 300 dairy cows could be lost under the new cull agreed by Britain at the Florence summit. This will target cattle regarded as being at special risk of developing BSE

because they were reared alongside animals that have already died of the disease.

Plureden Manor Farm is still flourishing. It is part of R. Sternberg Farms, an amalgamation of several holdings covering more than 4,000 acres, of which about 3,000 grow arable crops. The busi-

ness is owned by the family of the late Lord Plureden of High Halden, a German-born entrepreneur and refugee from the Nazis, who was a close friend of Sir Harold Wilson. He became a life peer in 1975 and served for a time as chairman of the British Agricultural Export Council.

Sinn Fein man denies escaping from police

By NICHOLAS WATT

GERRY KELLY, the convicted IRA bomber and republican strategist, is to be questioned by the RUC this week after he allegedly escaped from police custody during a protest in Belfast on Friday night.

Mr Kelly, 43, was among 300 nationalists forcibly removed from the route of a loyalist Orange march before it was due to pass through a Roman Catholic area.

Superintendent Michael Brown said that Mr Kelly, who was handcuffed, escaped into the crowd after he was allowed out of the van to speak to officers. An RUC spokesman said yesterday: "Mr Kelly was arrested on suspicion of public order offences."

Mr Kelly said at the weekend that he had not escaped from custody because he had not been arrested. Brandishing his handcuffs outside Sinn Fein headquarters in West Belfast, he claimed he was dragged into the back of the Land Rover as he tried to mediate between the RUC and residents.

Earth moves to save rare orchid

By PAUL WILKINSON

DEVELOPERS who discovered a rare orchid on their construction site are to move the plant's entire surroundings in an effort to save it. Fifty tonnes of soil containing the nutrients and fungi on which the bee orchid thrives are being transported to a safe location.

A fleet of lorries is making the five-mile trip from the building site in Poppleton, near York, to a park close to the city centre where it is hoped the black and yellow *Ophrys apifera* will flourish. The protected species was discovered when construction of a business park began.



The bee orchid: moved with 50 tonnes of soil

Bulldozers accidentally destroyed most of the colony while clearing the land. When environmentalists protested, White Rose Development offered to move the plant's surroundings.

Gordon Thomas, park ranger at the 24-acre St Nicholas Field, in York, will be responsible for care for the orchid in its new position. "We were too late to save the flower in its natural habitat so we are moving what's left to within the city," he said. "It is a very rare flower, particularly in the North of England. It is more commonly found in the warmer South and on the Continent."

"The soil it needs to grow is being moved and over the course of the next few years we will hopefully see it blossom again. It's an innovative venture. It would have been very sad if it had been wiped out in this area."

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Housing market recovery conceals dips and booms

By Rachel Kelly
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE recovery in the housing market has not reached all areas. Some towns are recording 10 per cent falls in prices while others report rises of almost a quarter.

Chester is leading the way with a 24 per cent rise in property prices in the first three months of this year, according to the Halifax building society. The biggest fall was recorded in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, where prices have dropped by 11.4 per cent.

Gary Marsh, of the Halifax, said the recovery had no simple geographical split. "The market is doing well in Reading, Berkshire, where prices for semi-detached houses are up by 10.8 per cent, but it is also rising in Bradford, West Yorkshire, where prices are up by 15 per cent. The market is highly localised, depending on economic factors."

Figures from Black Horse Agencies confirm the buoyancy of Reading's market. It now takes on average five weeks to sell a house there, the fastest-selling area in the country.

The Halifax figures confirm the impact of persistently high unemployment in older industrial areas. Scunthorpe, in Lincolnshire, Huddersfield, in West Yorkshire, and Barnsley all have falling house prices, reflecting the decline of the textile, steel and mining industries. Sheffield and Preston have seen prices fall by 3 and 4.3 per cent respectively, the Halifax says.

Malcolm Eyles, of Smith's estate agency in Barnsley, said: "We are still recovering from the closure of pits, and we have not yet attracted new

industry sufficiently to make up for the lack of jobs. There is still a lot of uncertainty here about jobs."

Chester's housing market is booming thanks to recent investment and a thriving tourist industry, local estate agents say. Companies at a new business park include the American bank MBNA and Marks & Spencer's financial division.

Gazumping is said to be returning in the area.

The Halifax survey found that London prices were down 2.9 per cent over the period, a figure which masks increases in some areas. Latest figures from Savills show that prime central London property values increased last year by 3.19 per cent, with rises of 4.6 per cent for houses and 2.46 per cent for flats.



Mary Falk, of the Queen's solicitors, on *Q11*. A yachting colleague spoke of her "determination and ingenuity"

Solicitor courts Atlantic dangers

By Edward Gorman
AND Alan Hamilton

THIS is not the week for the Queen to fall out with the Inland Revenue. The woman who might be called in to sort out her tax affairs is grappling single-handed with the Atlantic. Mary Falk, 48, a tax law expert and partner at Farrer

and Co, the royal solicitors, is one of six women competing in the Single-handed Transatlantic Yacht Race.

The 58 boats left Plymouth Sound eight days ago and the leaders are expected to cross the finishing line at Newport, Rhode Island, later this week. Unless fate takes an unexpected hand, Miss Falk will not be

leading the field. Although an experienced sailor who is on her third solo Atlantic crossing, her 35ft custom-built boat *Q11* is thought unlikely to set the pace. But it will not be for any lack of skill or determination from its sole crew member.

Mike Urwin, technical manager of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, who helped Miss Falk to prepare for the race, said yesterday: "She is physically very small and not so strong, but she makes up for her lack of strength with determination, ingenuity and good preparation of the boat."

Q11, designed by Michael Pocock specifically for short-handed racing, was launched

in 1990. Its water-ballasted monohull is said to be unsinkable. Miss Falk, who lives in Chelsea, took up serious racing in 1982 after years of experience in dinghies.

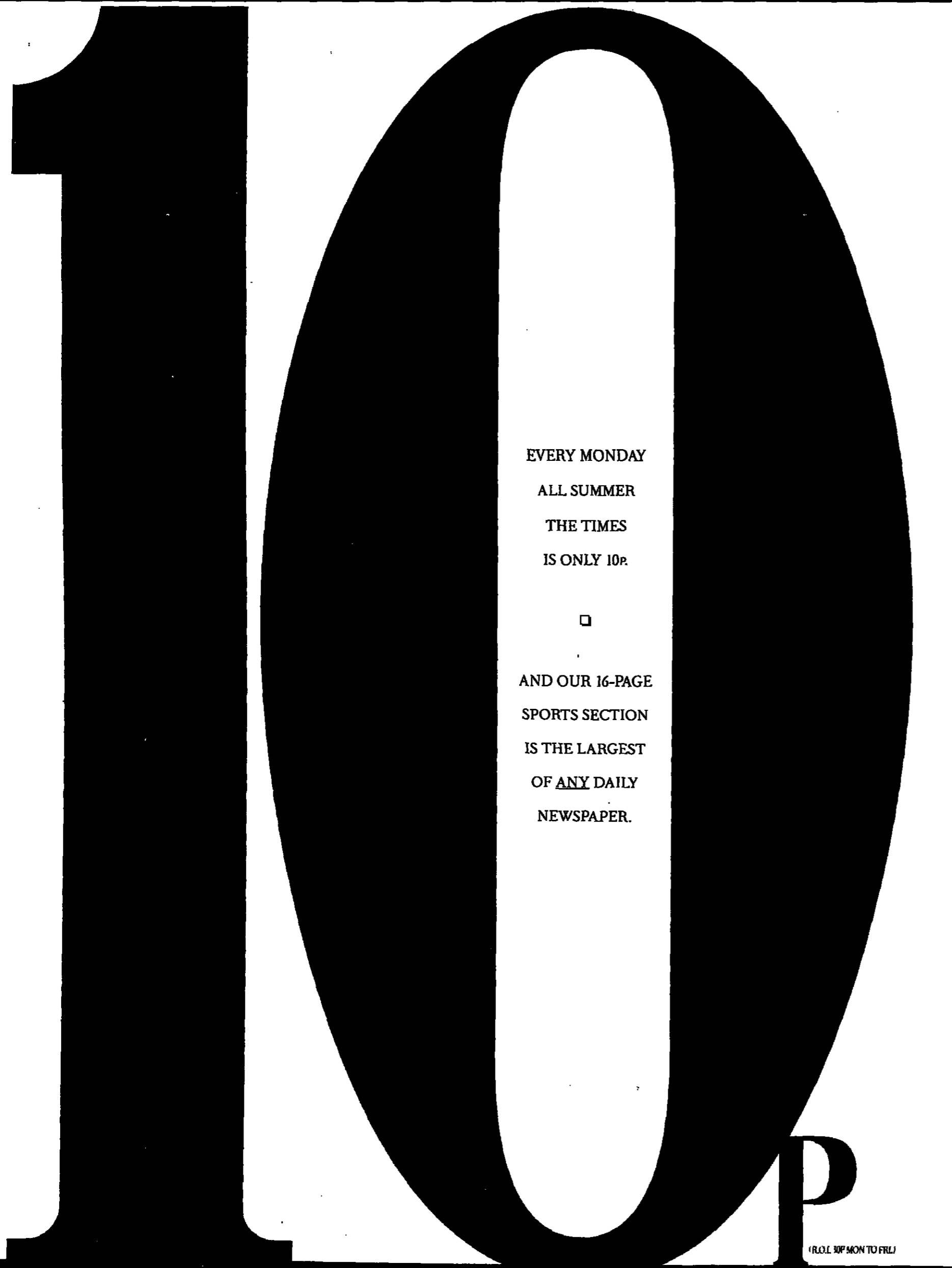
She notched up the Round Britain race in her first year, the Azores and back the following year, a two-hander across the Atlantic in 1986 and single-handers to America in 1988 and 1992.

At her last attempt she made the 3,000-mile crossing in 21 days, shaving two days off the previous women's record. She came within a hairbreadth of a collision with a large commercial ship outside Newport and was saved only by a last-minute puff of wind.



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Southport	47,278	58,106	22.9	Preston	55,179	52,782	-4.3
Northampton	45,115	54,985	21.9	Stockport	58,326	55,748	-4.4
Swansea	43,127	52,457	21.6	Derby	46,957	43,525	-7.7
Bolton	44,420	52,911	19.1	Middlesbrough	47,371	45,100	-4.8
Bedford	57,292	66,271	15.7	Wolverhampton	48,696	45,794	-5.9
Bradford	44,906	51,318	15.0	Stockton-on-Tees	46,837	43,613	-6.5
Chesterfield	38,023	43,838	14.8	Scunthorpe	39,896	36,404	-8.9
Cheltenham	60,912	69,815	14.3	Huddersfield	54,882	50,290	-8.4
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Campaign to oust Gardiner escalates on eve of local vote

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

SIR GEORGE GARDINER'S constituency is poised to oust him, destroying John Major's majority of one. Tory activists in Reigate, Surrey, will vote this week on whether to deselect the man who has been their MP since 1974.

An angry faction wants the 61-year-old Euro-sceptic to go despite his insistence that such a move would prompt an immediate by-election. The campaign him was stepped up at the weekend after 51 opponents circulated a letter attacking him. Last month, the association's executive council voted by 15 to 14 not to re-adopt him and the matter has gone to ordinary members.

The letter has been sent to most of the 1,100 people eligible to take part in the ballot at Reigate Grammar School on Friday evening. The signatories are angry that their MP backed John Redwood in last summer's leadership contest and failed to support the Government over the Maastricht treaty. They believe he is blackmailing them with his threat to resign.

Reigate has rarely heard the sound of dissent. But this thoroughly genteel community has been split by Sir George.

ignored a local vote of 80 per cent backing Mr Major during the leadership campaign.

On the other side of town and in nearby Redhill are the professionals. They are pro-Sir George and right-wing. They are also desperate not to have a by-election that would almost certainly cause the town to go Labour for the first time. Sir George's majority in 1992 was 17,664.

Daniel Kee, an association vice-chairman and Gardiner supporter, said: "Some people just don't know the difference between loyalty and a difference of opinion... Antipathy has grown up because people here are snobbish."

Angela Fraser, county councillor and Surrey's Deputy Lord-Lieutenant, said: "I firmly believe MPs should be loyal to their country and their party. Sir George is always grumbling about Major and openly rants about Europe, but we councillors and party workers are expected to soldier on loyally."

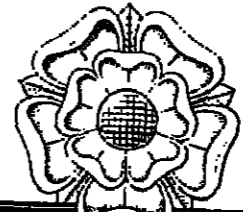
Sir George tries to be philosophical. "I am not threatening anything. The threat is on me. If they pull the rug from under me of course I will walk out," he said.

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Gardiner: deselection would mean by-election

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Papandreou's death puts reform on party agenda

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

THE death of Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist firebrand of modern Greece, could remove an obstacle to changes in the ruling Socialist party he founded 22 years ago along social democratic lines.

As thousands of Greeks flocked to the capital's main orthodox cathedral to pay homage to Mr Papandreou, who died early yesterday of a heart attack, aged 77, officials said Pasok's executive bureau had decided during an urgent meeting that a four-day party congress starting on Thursday should go ahead as scheduled to elect his successor. Party officials said he died a few hours after putting together the first draft of an address to the 4,000 congress delegates.

Mr Papandreou had been an invalid since last November, when he was hospitalised after kidney failure. His worsening condition had forced him to give up the post of Prime Minister in January. He was reported to be in discomfort after a late Saturday night dinner at his home with political associates. He suffered heart failure about an hour after doctors were called.

A question mark hangs over Mr Papandreou's 41-year-old widow, Mimi, his third wife, who was among the first to arrive at the Athens cathedral as long lines of admirers waited their turn to pass the coffin. A year ago she had initiated an attempt to enter Greece's political arena to continue the Papandreou dynasty. A public uproar over

nude photographs which she had once posed for forced her to drop her plans.

The controversy is believed to have worsened her husband's health. He has been visibly frail since a triple bypass operation in 1988. This year she devoted herself to religious exercises and caring for Mr Papandreou away from the public view.

The coffin bearing his body, draped in a Greek flag, was driven to the cathedral yesterday morning, where it will lie in state for three days. Thousands of followers, some sobbing, braved a heatwave to pay their last respects to the leader who built his career on political salesmanship of the highest order. He maintained an almost mystic hold on Greece's working classes, which is his chief legacy.

Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister who replaced Mr Papandreou last January, flew to Athens from the European Union summit in Florence to attend an emergency Cabinet meeting. He called Mr Papandreou's death "a national loss".

The careful wording of his statement was intentional. For the past two years Mr Simitis has been distancing himself from the old populist firebrand, promoting a cooler, more social democratic image for the Socialist party, Pasok, along Western European lines. In a key party convention scheduled for later this week, Mr Simitis hoped to be elected acting party chairman

to enable him to underpin his prime ministerial job and sweep away the Papandreou influence.

However, he faces a strong challenge from the populist old guard headed by Akis Tsochatzopoulos, the Interior Minister, one of Mr Papandreou's most trusted lieutenants. This week Mr Tsochatzopoulos is expected to exploit the emotional aftermath of the founder's death to seize the party chairmanship.

The struggle of the heirs is the inevitable result of the late leader's style, in which his considerable political talents were channelled solely into a typically Greek pursuit and maintenance of personal political power.

Even as an invalid, dependent on life support systems, Mr Papandreou's ego was undimmed. Two weeks ago he was trying to convince even his personal physician that he

was still, in the doctor's words, "an active political force". He had even expressed a wish to be carried into the party convention to rally what he saw to be a faltering party.

There were claims last night that stress over the forthcoming convention could have brought on the fatal heart attack. "The party and its problems killed him," shouted his half-brother, George Papandreou.

European leaders attending the European summit in Florence praised Mr Papandreou's leadership. John Major said: "Mr Papandreou was a charismatic leader who contributed much to the development of modern Greece. He led the country through a decade of great change in the 1980s."

Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, said Mr Papandreou "profoundly influenced Greek political life over the past 35 years. His fight for democracy during the dictatorship [1967-74] in Greece is known to everyone."

Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish caretaker Prime Minister, who attended the EU summit as an observer, described Mr Papandreou's death as "a great loss for the Greek people. I express my deepest sympathies. I believe that Mr Papandreou wanted from the bottom of his heart peace between our two countries, despite the rhetoric."



Mrs Papandreou at the cathedral in Athens



Archbishop Desmond Tutu with his wife Leah at a Cape Town service yesterday marking both his retirement at the end of the month after ten years as the city's Anglican Archbishop and his role in the struggle against apartheid

Nigeria to meet sanctions task force

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TOM IKIMI, the Nigerian Foreign Minister, today holds a long-delayed meeting in London with a Commonwealth task force urging Nigeria to speed up its promised transition to democracy.

Chief Ikimi, who will head a 17-man delegation, has agreed to the meeting to avert a threatened tightening of Commonwealth sanctions, imposed on Nigeria at last autumn's Commonwealth summit.

The task force, headed by Stan Mudenge, the Foreign Minister of Zimbabwe, had originally insisted on seeing General Sani Abacha, head of Nigeria's military government, but all attempts to

set a meeting have been rebuffed. The Commonwealth action group is likely to express concern at the lack of human rights in Nigeria, especially the continued detention of political activists, including Chief Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the aborted 1993 election.

Opposition groups have accused government thugs of being responsible for the murder of Chief Abiola's wife Kudirat, who was shot at close range in her car last month. The Nigerian Government disclaimed any connection, expressed condolences and has detained several of the chief's family members in connection with the shooting.

The Commonwealth group is unlikely to recommend tightening sanctions. Brit-

ain and European Union members impose visa restrictions on Nigerians, but Britain has opposed any ban on oil sales on the grounds that this would be ineffective if it was not also observed by America, which buys the bulk of Nigeria's oil.

Labour called last week on Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, for a tougher British stance, saying Britain's reluctance to jeopardise its relations with the Nigerian Government had allowed the Abacha regime to continue along its brutal path.

Western diplomats in Nigeria said the military government may release some detainees to coincide with Mr Ikimi's talks in London.

Tensions rise as Israelis reject Arab land demands

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND MARK HUBAND IN CAIRO

ARAB-ISRAELI tensions prompted by the election of the right-wing Government in Israel increased last night as Israel swiftly rejected the demands of the emergency Arab summit in Cairo that it should continue withdrawing from occupied territory or endearing the peace process.

In a written statement, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, dismissed out of hand the final communiqué issued by the 21 Arab leaders.

In their hard-hitting final declaration, the Arab leaders put aside their own disputes, which had threatened to disrupt the talks, and demanded that Israel should respect Palestinian self-determination, withdraw from southern Lebanon and the Golan Heights and negotiate Palestinian claims to a state with its capital in east Jerusalem.

Going further than expected on the issue of the normalisation of Arab relations with Israel, states that have opened diplomatic links have now said they will review their decisions and decide only when Israel moves forward on the agreement signed at the 1991 Madrid conference. That established the principle of Israel handing over occupied land in return for peace with its Arab neighbours.

The communiqué, and the apparently successful efforts of President Mubarak of

Egypt to prevent a worsening feud between Syria and Jordan spilling over into the conference, is the strongest show of Arab unity since the division wrought by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

President Ben Ali of Tunisia, defending his policy which is now expected to slow down, said after the conference: "Even if the assessment of different states varies, the steps we have taken to normalise our relations with Israel have been intended to push the peace process forward."

A senior Syrian official said: "The idea is that those states that have begun the normalisation process should review their decisions and see whether they are appropriate."

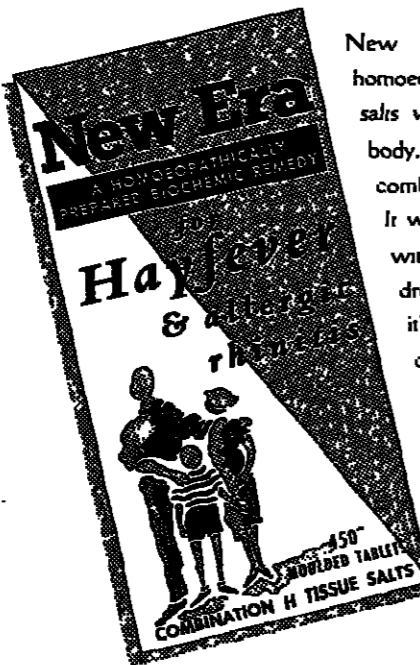
The Cairo communiqué was welcomed warmly in Damascus by the ad hoc organisation

of ten radical Palestinian groups based there which oppose the 1993 peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. "One-sided demands which harm security do not go together with talks for peace," Mr Netanyahu said after studying the text of the Cairo document. "For the process to continue successfully and fruitfully, such statements must be stopped. That is the most basic demand for talks on coexistence and peace."

The Prime Minister, a former Israeli commando and counter-terrorism expert, added: "Peace is a strategic aim of both Israel and the Arab states. The peace process must be conducted without preconditions. Peace negotiations must be conditioned on security for all peoples of the region."

The new strains imposed on Arab-Israeli relations by the two-day summit and the dismissive Israeli response to it have underlined the urgency of the first trip to the region since the Israeli election by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who is due for talks in Jerusalem tomorrow. He has been making determined efforts to try to tone down the hostile response of the Arabs to Mr Netanyahu's policy guidelines, now known to Arabs as "the three 'Nos'".

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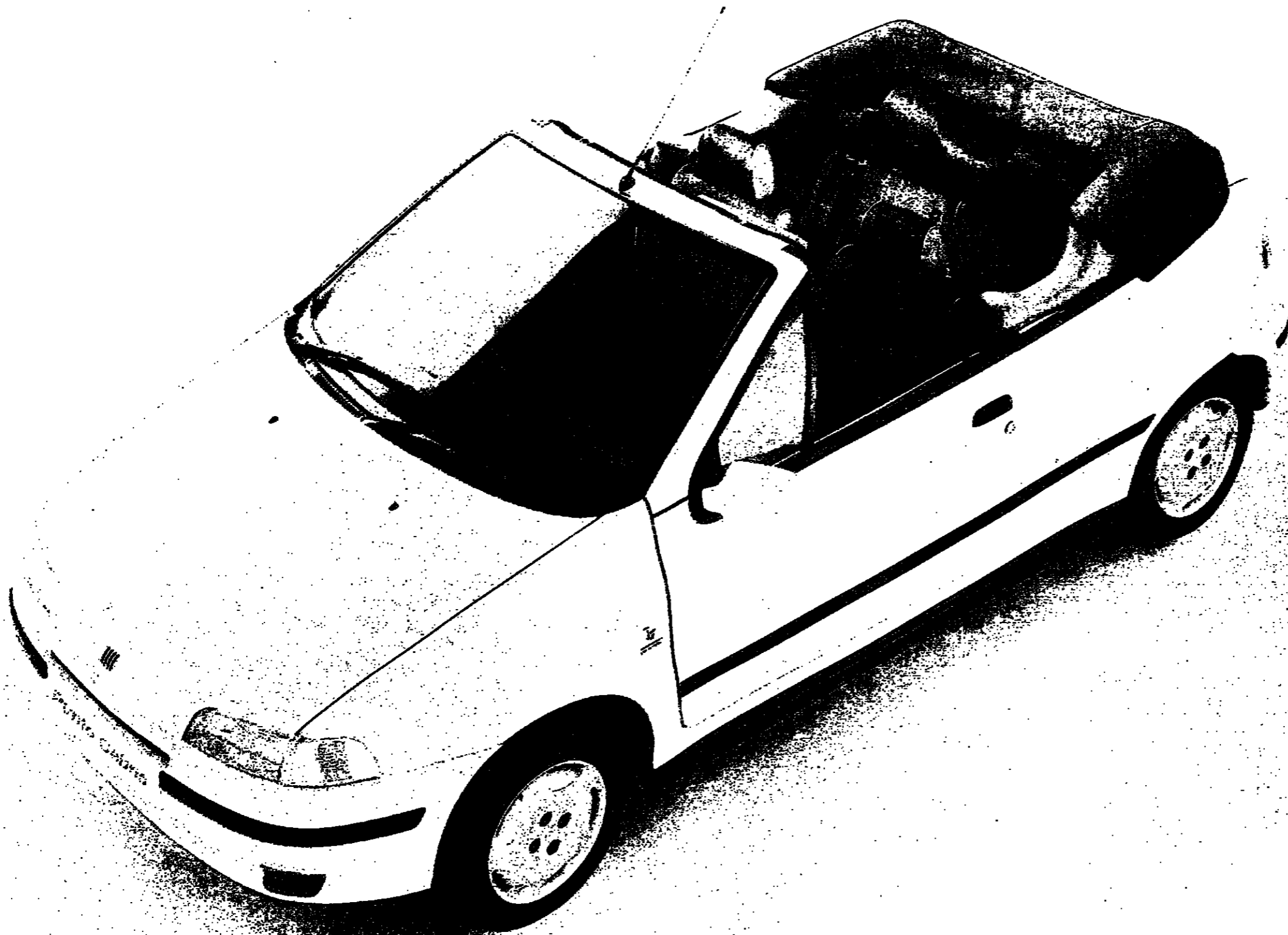
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Japanese sex slave apology

Tokyo: Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Prime Minister, apologised for the Korean "comfort women" who were forced to have sex with Japanese troops in the Second World War.

Panama cash investigation

Miami: After revelations in Panama that the ruling party's 1994 election was tainted by drug money, President Balladares promised fully to investigate how two cheques for a total of \$51,000 (£33,000) from an accused drug trafficker found their way into his campaign fund.

Dhaka leader

Dhaka: Sheikh Hasina Wajed, head of the Awami League and daughter of Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh's murdered leader, has been sworn in as Prime Minister.

Poverty line

Delhi: More than 1.3 billion people, one-fifth of the world's population, now live on less than \$1 a day, according to new figures in a World Bank report on poverty.

Kinkel visit off

Peking: China cancelled next month's visit by German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel over a parliamentary motion accusing China of human rights abuses in Tibet.

Sailors rescued

Olbia, Sardinia: Helicopter rescue teams plucked 19 Americans from the deck of a 171ft luxury yacht just before it went down in high waves off Sardinia. Nobody was hurt.

March of time

Tehran: An Iranian farmer said to have fought voluntarily in the 1980-1988 war against Iraq has died aged 130. Iran's official news agency reported. His widow is 95.

Psychic 'is helping Hillary Clinton speak to the dead'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE White House struggled to play down the latest revelation about Hillary Clinton yesterday - her use of a spiritual guru who guides the First Lady through long conversations with the long-dead Eleanor Roosevelt.

White House aides, fearing damaging comparisons with Nancy Reagan's use of an astrologer, insisted Mrs Clinton's relationship with Dr Jean Houston was not close. They accused Dr Houston of "magnifying her own importance in Hillary's life".

Dr Houston, 55, head of the so-called Foundation for Mind Research, believes in spirits and psychic experiences and conducted experiments with LSD in the 1960s. She also believes that her "personal archetypal predecessor" is Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, with whom she conducts long computer dialogues that she calls "docking with one's angel".

sastrous healthcare reform efforts. The Clintons were in "deep torment". Mr Woodward writes. "Houston said Hillary was carrying the burden of 5,000 years of history when women were subservient... Hillary represented the 'new story'... and was there upfront, probably more than any woman in human history - apart from Joan of Arc. Hillary was a stand-in for all women, and as such had a historic opportunity. Houston told Hillary that she would prevail... she had to hang in there, not give up."

The two ladies clicked. Dr Houston began writing to Mrs Clinton. In April 1995 they met in the solarium on top of the White House and held an



Eleanor Roosevelt: "in touch with First Lady"

hour-long tape-recorded meditation session attended by several of the First Lady's staff. Dr Houston encouraged Mrs Clinton to close her eyes and describe bumping into Mrs Roosevelt, her equally controversial predecessor, in a hall. Mrs Clinton vividly described Mrs Roosevelt's manner and appearance. She talked to her about "her fierceness and determination, her advocacy on behalf of people in need, the obstacles the criticism, the loneliness the former First Lady felt". Dr Houston then had Mrs Clinton respond as Mrs Roosevelt. "I was misunderstood, Hillary replied, her eyes still shut, speaking as Mrs Roosevelt. You have to do what you think is right. It was crucial to set a course and hold to it."

The book also contains revelations about Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee. His advisers have given him a list of 15 possible running mates led by Colin Powell but also including James Baker and Richard Cheney, President Bush's Secretaries of State and Defence. It also says that in April, Mr Dole sent a private note of apology to Mr Clinton after learning of the President's fury that he had called for the appointment of a Whitewater special prosecutor the day Mr Clinton's mother died.



A woman tries to stop anti-Klu Klux Klan protesters, armed with sticks, from beating up a KKK supporter after a rally of the extremist group in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the weekend. Police used teargas to break up the clash.

Yeltsin secures support of rivals

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN received a boost yesterday ahead of his second run-off in the presidential elections, with the endorsement of all the main also-rans from the first round.

In a blow for Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader who is facing Mr Yeltsin on July 3, even the eccentric ultra-nationalist, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, told the radio station Ekho Moskvy that he was backing Mr Yeltsin. Asked if he was ready to support Mr Yeltsin, Mr Zhirinovskiy said: "Yes, I'm ready." In return he said he wanted to see Mr Yeltsin adopt a more aggressive foreign policy and not "creep along in the wake of the US and Nato".

Mr Zhirinovskiy, who came fifth last Sunday and won 4.3 million votes, has a habit of stridently opposing the Government and the Kremlin administration, only to support them at the last moment. Many of his working-class voters will probably decide to vote for Mr Zyuganov, but Mr Zhirinovskiy carries a lot of clout with his supporters.

Mr Yeltsin already has the endorsement of the man who came third on June 16, Aleksandr Lebed, who received 11 million votes. Grigori Yavlinsky, who collected five million votes, rejected any support for Mr Zyuganov yesterday but laid down his conditions for supporting him.

Dole is warned by anti-abortion lobby

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

OPPONENTS of abortion gave notice at the weekend of their determination to stop Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, picking a pro-choice running-mate or diluting the party's commitment at its convention in August to an abortion ban.

At a stormy conference, Texas Republicans chose an anti-abortion delegation to represent them in San Diego, rejecting dozens of candidates nominated by the Dole campaign. "There is a rogue elephant from Texas on the way [to San Diego] that means business," Bill Price, head of Texans for Life, said.

Mr Dole also failed to win support for his proposed abortion compromise from Henry Hyde, the Illinois congressman he picked to chair the manifesto-writing committee.

Mr Dole wants to couple the manifesto's call for a constitutional amendment banning abortion with a "declaration of

tolerance" acknowledging dissenters' views. Abortion foes, including Mr Hyde, will accept such a clause only in the manifesto's preamble where it would refer to all issues. Mr Hyde has threatened to resign as the platform committee's chairman and failed to resolve his differences with Mr Dole in an hour-long meeting at the weekend. Mr Dole must appear "reasonable" on abortion to win the crucial centrist vote, but he knows that conservative anti-abortion forces can wreck the convention if they feel betrayed.

Democrats, hoping to win back Congress in November, published their version of the Republicans' 1994 Contract with America yesterday. Dubbed "Families First" and based on exhaustive public consultations, it seeks to shed the Democrats' image as left-wing advocates of "big government" and to show they have learnt from past mistakes.



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GERMANY AWAIT ENGLAND IN EURO 96 SEMI-FINAL AT WEMBLEY



Pearce, having smashed England's third penalty past the Spain goalkeeper, Zubizarreta, turns away from the goal to receive the acclaim of the Wembley crowd. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Pearce faces up to his old demons

By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

HOW much more can the nation and the nerves take? Such is the changing face, the wild fluctuations in emotions of England's tournament in Euro 96...



After a moment of stunned repose, Pearce advances towards the jubilant supporters, his face a changing mask of emotions as he exhorts them to roar his team home

On Wednesday, he and England will have to psych themselves up to go one stage further towards the ultimate prize...

Neither is expected to be fit by Wednesday. Ladbrokes have made England and Germany 15-8 joint favourites to win the tournament...

He insisted on taking penalty No 3 at Wembley on Saturday: his coach, Venables, questioned it for an instant...

And then, his face pinched and almost white with tension, he proved his courage. All right, it was a man, a ball, a net and a goalkeeper...

with unwavering eye and unremitting force, he had thrashed the ball past Andoni Zubizarreta...

But the crowd exploded and then relief poured out of him. The veins stood out on his neck, he shouted 'come on' repeatedly to the crowd...

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Seedorf tears sum up Holland misery

By Russell Kempson

CLARENCE SEEDORF was inconsolable: he had paid the ultimate penalty. Darny Blind raced to shake the hands of the officials: a touching demonstration of dignity in defeat. And Edwin van der Sar launched his goalkeeping gloves into still-adoring Orange supporters: a final, futile gesture of how Holland had thrown it all away.

Anfield, on Saturday, provided an appropriate venue for confirmation of the Dutch demise. It was where Euro 96 had started for them, in December, when they defeated Ireland 2-0 in a play-off to secure the sixteenth available berth: it was where it was to end, beaten 5-4 by France in a penalty-kick shoot-out.

Many times in the past, Holland had self-destructed before or during the finals of a leading championship. Headstrong players, apparently bigger than the team, the common cause, took on fustered, floundering coaches. Training camps disintegrated into farce, provoking interne-cine warfare on a grand scale.

This time, though, it would be different... surely. Guus Hiddink, the coach, always calmly in control, cast a paternal arm around his offspring, many of them glaringly-inexperienced at such a level, and exuded quiet confidence.

Seedorf, Davids and Jordi Cruyff, the young bucks, would be coaxed and complemented by the worldly Bergkamp, Blind and Ronald de Boer. Though England might pose problems, Scotland and Switzerland would be dismissed and provide easy passage from group A into the

quarter-finals. It never happened, never looked like happening. It was not so much a cataclysmic explosion of self-destruction - Hiddink maintained order, if not total harmony - more a gnawing implosion, culminating in Seedorf's tearful exit at Anfield.

Holland's battering of Scotland at Villa Park, their opening match, had been encouraging. Though held 0-0, it was only the illegal

lending too much of an ear to certain senior squad members, and the soon-to-be AC Milan midfielder player was packed off home. Allegations emerged of racial conflict within the multi-cultural Dutch ranks and, though denied, the doubts lingered.

Wembley was worse still, with the demoralising 4-1 defeat by England. Holland had rarely played against such intense or flexible opponents and they collapsed under the pressure. Only Kluijvert's late strike kept them in the tournament, ahead of Scotland, on more goals scored.

The reprieve was only temporary yet, ironically, they produced some of their better moments of the tournament against France. In a stop-start spectacle, more notable for individual rather than collective skills, they comfortably matched the fluid French. Again, though, fate seemed to conspire against them.

When Desailly handled, clearly inside the area, Holland were awarded a free kick outside the area: Cocu's subsequent free kick was deflected behind off a post; when Seedorf burst through to score, Lama's body blocked his shot. All inside the last minutes of normal time.



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Seedorf turns away in despair after his penalty miss. Photograph: David Davies

Pearce able to lift the Turin shroud

BOBBY ROBSON



Six years ago the scene in the England dressing-room in Turin was probably about as different as it could have been from the one at Wembley after the penalty shoot-out against Spain on Saturday. Stuart Pearce had missed one of the penalties at the end of our World Cup semi-final with Germany and he was inconsolable.

Both he and Chris Waddle, who missed the other one, had their heads in their hands and they were in tears. I could not really talk to them. It was hard to say anything. In the end, because I could not see their faces, I had to be content with patting them on the shoulders and trying to tell them it was just part of football.

I think both of them were experiencing a kind of living death at that point and the moment has probably come back to haunt them many times since. When Pearce scored on Saturday, I saw that expression on his face and I realised it was all the emotion of six years pouring out of him.

I was proud of him. What he did was not easy. Platt scored on Saturday, too, but he was one of the ones who scored in Turin. It is when you have missed that it is difficult. Pearce just showed what we all know, that he has a lot of courage and composure and steel.

I felt sorry for the Spanish. I saw the England team hugging and slapping each other on the back and filled with utter joy and I looked at the Spanish and remembered what it had been like for us, walking off, not looking at the pitch: sadder than a Blackpool donkey.

Perhaps, since we went out that way, English players have realised just how important penalties can be. I think they have practised a bit but it is the mental thing as much as anything: not changing your mind as you run up, the placement and power you need to get into your shots. Bad penalties don't tend to go in any more.

We were helped by the noise, of course: the silence for our penalties and the crescendo of whistling and booing for theirs. I was always confident we would win, partly because of the penalty-takers and partly because of Seaman. He is having an outstanding tournament.

Spain played way above how they performed in their previous two games. They changed their system to play five at the back, they defended well and gave nothing away. Their overriding

object was not to concede a goal but they hit England hard on the break and they surprised me with how progressive they were. They deceived me with their earlier performances.

Sergi, who will be one of my players at Barcelona next year, was talking on McManaman and Neville down the English right and beating them both. He reminded me of Kenny Sansom, except he had a right foot and Sansom only used his for standing up.

We should be feeling a bit fortunate this morning. We did not have anything like the space we had against Holland and every time we made an error, they were on to it. If they had started with the team that finished it might have been even more difficult for us because Sal-

nas was awful before he was substituted and Manjarin had an incredible chance that he messed up completely.

Our star performers were Adams, Southgate and Pearce, who all made crucial interceptions. They made them where it counted, too, not somewhere near the centre circle but deep in the box where you cannot afford a mistake.

It was a close shave but the morale should still be good. We knew we could not win every game 4-1 like we did against the Dutch; the Spanish were bound to keep it tighter. But we are still there and now we have got the Germans, the game that we all want - shades of 1966 and 1990.

We know how they will play, with their shallow five at the back. They will be strong and organised. They do not change so at least what they have will be familiar to us. They will keep at it all game long, never letting up, always fighting, always struggling.

They may still be the favourites but I think we have a very real chance against them. Before they played Italy. I thought Germany were special, but Italy made them look ordinary. We can do the same.



Sergi, a constant threat down the England right, tangles with Neville at Wembley on Saturday

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Brown backs joint bid to stage World Cup of 2006

CRAIG BROWN, the Scotland manager, yesterday welcomed a suggestion that England and Scotland should make a joint bid to host the 2006 World Cup. Brown was speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live before watching Germany play Croatia in the quarter-finals of Euro 96 at Old Trafford.

He admitted bringing another leading tournament to Britain was an appealing idea after the success of Euro 96 so far. "There has been great success in hosting this tournament and there is great enthusiasm for it," Brown said. "I think that would be an excellent idea, but whether it will come to fruition I don't know."

"Stadia in Scotland have improved dramatically, but I don't know if they are big enough. With Ibrox, Parkhead and a revamped Hampden, we certainly have three in

Glasgow which are suitable but maybe that is too many in one city.

"It would be a good idea. But would both countries both get in as host nations? That might be a problem because both nations want to retain their identity."

Brown, reflecting on England's quarter-final shoot-out win over Spain, said: "England have done well. I wouldn't say they were lucky, but there was an offside goal and the game was even. It is not easy as the home team; there is so much pressure on them with everyone expecting victory."

Now Brown is plotting Scotland's World Cup qualifying campaign in a group with Sweden, Austria, Belorussia, Estonia and Latvia. The first match is in Vienna.

He is hoping the Everton striker, Duncan Ferguson, can end more than 18 months in

the international wilderness and finally fulfil his potential. Ferguson was ruled out of Euro 96 through injury. "With hindsight, Duncan Ferguson would have given us another option," said Brown. "He's a left-sided striker with an aerial threat and, if he starts the season well with Everton, I would love to have him in the World Cup campaign."

Asked about his decision to pick Andy Goram of Rangers ahead of Jim Leighton, the 37-year-old Hibernian goalkeeper, Brown admitted it was a tough decision. "Leaving out Leighton was the hardest job I've done in almost three years as manager. I feel confident Leighton will become the second most capped player in Scottish football history."

Leighton has 74 caps, three behind Alex McLeish, his former Aberdeen team-mate, who won 77 caps and is second behind Kenny Dalglish (102).

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Coming home with a supporter's flair for invective

The right to abuse your own football players is earned quite quickly in a supporter's career. I find "Are we keeping you up?" I yelled at Gascoigne on Saturday, as for the umpteenth time a free kick turned into a feeble offhand tap.

find nobody there. Others passed wildly, as if able to see bli rabbits in football shirts invisible to the rest of us. "What did he do that for?" I asked. "What did he do that for?" And the question was never purely rhetorical. I really wanted to know.

'Might as well pass to the cat'

"What did he do that for?" I asked, time and again. "What did he do that for? Why is Gascoigne walking?" Sheringham was playing like somebody's granny; it was awful. The ball would fly over his head, and just as it bounced behind him, he'd leap up to head it. Meanwhile McManaman, thanklessly, would run like stink the length of the field (cheers, cheers), turn around, and

In all too short a time, I have learnt the hurt, bewildered running mutter of complaint, the football supporter's whine of betrayal. The honeymoon did not last long. "Passing to Gascoigne? You might as well dig your own grave and jump in it, son. You might as well pass it to the cat. What did he do that for?" And so it continued on Saturday until the penalty won surprisingly put us out of our misery; at which point we stood on the seats, whooped for joy and relief, and were incredibly glad it was over.

Less printable outbursts were all around in Block 144 at Wembley. I assure you; and the gentlest was a poignant "This is the worst 35 quid I've ever spent", half-way through the wretched golden goal time. The quarter-final crowd at Wembley on Saturday was rightly described as tremendous — "Football's coming home, it's coming home, it's coming home, it's COMING" we sang with fervour; and personally I risked the considerable danger of having my eye put out by a flag. But talk about flogging a dead horse: flogging was too good for it, actually.

Funnily enough, the BBC analysis in the evening made the English match-play look better than it was. The highlights were rightly brief, yet they included more English shots at goal than I had remembered. Gascoigne looked quite handy in these snippets, whereas at the time he resembled a victim of amnesia

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who had wandered on to the pitch in an unfamiliar shirt marked 8. But one's opinions are coloured by emotion and prejudice, of course. A bloke nearby disliked Platt so

much (why? why?) that he virtually spat on the ground whenever Platt got possession. Whereas it seemed to me that Platt was a rock. "Good, here comes Platt," I would say. And when he got possession, "Just like Platt. Good man."

The Euro 96 pager was as invaluable as ever, but it also caused a crisis of conscience. At 15.36 it told me the second Spanish off-side goal was in fact perfectly all right. The weight of this secret knowledge was awful; the only time I felt anything like it was knowing the result of the Booker Prize before sitting down to eat dinner with a nervous shortlisted author (who hadn't won).

How terrible that Spain had been ripped off; that the godless scoreline was wrong throughout. In the eyes of God, Spain had already won the match. Should I tell anybody? I swivelled my eyes while I made my mind up. Well, perhaps best not to mention it to

anyone banging a drum and shouting "Es-par-ya" with a lisp. I'm not sure I would like to meet the person who writes the pager messages. When England finally won the penalty shoot-out, he reported the win with a total of 22 exclamation marks, which shows how much he cares

but also which side he's on. You may remember he said "It makes you proud to be British" on the night Scotland was knocked out, too — which was pretty tactless in retrospect. Personally, I never expected to find such naked chauvinism in my own soul ("Eng-er-land"), and am still appalled by the unfair hissing and booing of Spaniards attempting a penalty shot. When Spanish substitutes sprinted past our seats on Saturday, innocently warming their hamstrings, they were greeted

with hostile heckles and plonker-gestures (you know the one I mean).

Yet I still want England to do well. I want them to remember they are a team, and that moreover we don't sing all this exhorting stuff exclusively for our own benefit.

'Flogging was too good for it'

A kindly reader has written to warn me that all international football tournaments fall into two halves — the half with England in it, and the half when you have to find excitement somewhere else. Thank you for that. I knew it in my heart. But now that I have sung *You'll Never Walk Alone* and *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life* in a forest of plastic Snickers hats (free England hats with "Snickers" on), how can I stop yelling at Gascoigne — to wake up, wake up, for heaven's sake?

FOOTBALL: INSPIRATIONAL GERMANY CAPTAIN LIMPS OUT OF BATTLE IN TEARS WHILE CROATIA BOW OUT OF CHAMPIONSHIP IN DISGRACE

Klinsmann may miss Wembley showdown

Germany 2
Croatia 1

By ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SO, AS almost everyone expected, England's semi-final opponents at Wembley on Wednesday are the mighty Germany. Except that, on the performance in their quarter-final against Croatia and their previous game when they were dominated by Italy, these are no mighty Germans. Indeed, there is a struggle through frailty of both mind and body that makes them look an opposition England can cope with.

That said, never rule out a German. The portents for Wednesday did look bright in

derfully gifted, were unfulfilled. In the first six minutes Sammer and Klinsmann, the two German players of true quality, had been booked for fouls, but that was a prelude to some atrocious indiscipline from Croatia. They, above all nations, would scorn the crass suggestion that sport could ever be a substitute for war.

Yet, they played it, or rather they fought it, yesterday with such disdain for the rule book, such violence unbecoming, that only the most appalling ineptitude and compliance by Leif Sundell, the Swedish referee, could have allowed them to finish the 90 minutes with only Igor Stimac, the Derby County defender, sent off for two blatant and foolish fouls.

What got into the Croats? They can play, they have technical ability at second to none in this European championship. And yet, perhaps because they played in fear, they were wretchedly intemperate. Croatia had played Germany three times during the last war and they had been taken to pieces 5-1, 2-0 and 5-1 again. Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach who will have remembered those games, said all along that he relished playing Germany.

He will not have relished the first sign of madness from his players. Nikola Jerkan, the sweeper, was running wide of the goal with his opposite number, Sammer when, for no rational reason, Jerkan handled the ball. From the penalty spot, Klinsmann struck the ball low, hard and right, well out of reach of Ladic, the goalkeeper.

Germany, too, were uncertain in defence. Helmer and Reuter were both trying to mask injuries, both having to play because Strunz was ineligible after being sent off against Italy, and Kohler was one of two Germans who had to fly home for operations. As Croatia counter-attacked, sometimes swift and sure, sometimes with mind detached from body, the German organisation seemed a travesty of what we expect from that country.

It was a surprise that it took until the 50th minute for Croatia to equalise. Davor Suker, who was later to miss two chances to head goals, directing them both at Köpke,

nevertheless capitalised on an amateur error from Freund, the substitute for Klinsmann. Freund, perhaps still groggy after being elbowed in the face by Boban, gave the ball to the most dangerous striker in the world, Suker, dragging the ball with his left foot away from Köpke's dive, then used his right to place it into the empty net for his 21st goal in 22 internationals.

But after that elbow by Boban, unseen like so much else by this referee — the same man who had failed to see John Collins' handball on the line in Scotland's game against Holland — he had no right to stay on the field. His fouls off the ball set an example you would hope to



Klinsmann's hopes of facing England at Wembley suffer a severe blow as he leaves the field injured yesterday

for our schoolchild. Worse, when Ziege and Bobic had collided going for the same ball and lay on the ground, Slaven Bilic, the West Ham United defender, first prodded Ziege on the ground, then kicked him forcefully as he lay. The referee was a foot away, indeed he was pushing Bilic in the chest, yet he dared take no action. Similarly this apology for an arbiter ignored a kick at Ziege much later in the action by Stanic.

Croatia destroyed before our eyes the romantic image some had built of them. They were players who had been excused national duty at a time of war because of their importance as ambassadors to their country, players who

have been full-time professionals in Europe's wealthiest clubs for far too long to even try to excuse their behaviour as being emotionally out of their depth.

Thank heavens Germany punished them. In the 88th minute, just after Stimac had been sent off, Matthias Sammer, unquestionably the finest player on the field, effectively finished the match. Babbel roared out of the defence on the right wing and crossed towards the near post. Sammer glided forward, one step ahead of Jerkan, took the pace off the ball with his forehead, and with his right foot executed a goal of almost gentle freedom.

He brings to the word *libero*

the fullest sense of expression; he was head and shoulders above the fiddly nonsense that was going on all around, and this recruit from the former East Germany remains the finest footballer in the team that is coming to Wembley.

GERMANY (3-2-2): A Köpke (Ereacht Frankfurt); M Sammer (Borussia Dortmund); M Babbel (Bayern Munich); T Helmer (Bayern Munich); S Strunz (Borussia Dortmund); A Müller (Borussia Dortmund); M Scholl (Bayern Munich); T Hasele, Kofu, Strunz, D Ellis (Werder Bremen); C Ziege (Bayern Munich); J Klinsmann (Bayern Munich); sub: S Freund, Borussia Dortmund; 38, F Bobac (WB Stuttgart); sub: S Kurtz, Besiktas, 46.

CROATIA (2-2-2): D Ladic (Croatia Zagreb); S Bilic (West Ham United); N Jerkan (Real Oviedo); I Stimac (Derby County); M Stanic (Borussia Dortmund); sub: M Mandanovic (Borussia Dortmund); J Stanic (Hajduk Split); Z Boban (Mladen); R Jarni (Rijeka); sub: D Suker (Bevita); G Vlasto (Padova); sub: D Suker (Bevita); G Vlasto (Padova).
Referee: L Sundell (Sweden)

Germany offer usual answer to question of stereotypes

By SIMON BARNES

This weekend a blonde and charming but somewhat humourless German lady, already confirming my views on national stereotypes, asked me to fill in a questionnaire. It was very long and very complex, filled with unanswerable questions about the roles of sport and the sportsman in the modern world.

It was amusing, and had a strong element of self-parody, but it never quite became quite as hilarious. This was, in the end, something of a disappointment.

In the same way, German football teams never quite slide into self-parody. Certainly it would be amusing to see them as a series of blond machines, mindlessly fulfilling their coaches' aspirations, men without flair or thought or creativity.

It is still true, and surely it always must be true, that a German team inspires in outsiders respect rather than affection, admiration rather than awe. No Englishman feels about the Germans as he does about the Brazilians; and many times an Italian team beats an English club side, and we walk away filled with delight at the style, the beauty, the class.

This is not the case with any German team, and certainly not the side we saw beat Croatia 2-1 at Old Trafford yesterday. The thing is that Germans play their football too much like us — like us, it must be said, only, in the main, and barring the odd miracle, better.

We see an element of coldness, a lack of passion, an over emphasis on organisation. But really, most German teams are like our own — but grown up. The players are more responsible, more secure in themselves — less caught up, it would seem, with their own myths.

This was spelt out for us in English with wondrous clarity with the splendid Klinsmann's year at Tottenham. Coming to England with a reputation as football's second greatest cheat, he soon established himself as a nationwide love object by virtue of his unassuming excellence, his sense of personal style and his — really rather novel — quality of grownupness.

True, Suker's game for Croatia against Denmark still remains the best individual performance of the tourna-

ment so far. The question of whether he was better than Klinsmann was fully debated before the match, and Suker, for one, took it with great seriousness. In fact, he sought to outdo the Klinsmann of dissembling legend by diving, stumbling, and attempting to con the referee.

In short, he lost the plot, and so did the rest of the team. They conceded their penalty to an over-excited bit of handball, and subsequently got caught up in the individual battles of foul and counter-foul, rather than in shared objective. And that was how Stimac managed to get himself sent off for his second bookable offence.

You never see a German team lose the plot, not even in *extremis*, as they were against Italy in their last match. Perhaps that is because the plot is not spectacularly complex — nevertheless it is always a tale well told. The fact is that all the truly eye-catching players on view yesterday were wearing the best shirt of the tournament — the red and white checker-board of Croatia. But they lacked the composure and organisation to make that superiority — a superiority in wit and invention — count in the final result.

The Germans had bags and bags of composure and organisation. Not a great deal else, it must be said. But excellence abounded in such players who provided, above all, stability, rallied as they were by the magnificent Sammer.

That said, this is not the most awe-inspiring German side we have ever seen. It lacks that implacable look that has always characterised the best of them. It has, instead, a very great deal of resilience. They might need it all against England on Wednesday; and it might indeed be enough.

I suppose we must now prepare ourselves for a national orgy of anti-German jokes, hijacked sunbeds, little moustaches and don't mention the War.

Still, it is worth noting that it was not the German fans who gave fascist salutes during their national anthem. That was a few Croatians — and at Wembley, a few English. Let us make our jokes with due care and attention.

Injuries to strikers cast shadow over victory

Peter Ball hears Germany's coach bemoan the probable loss of two strikers for Wembley semi-final with England



Bilic of Croatia, appears to kick the prostrate Ziege, of Germany

GERMANY are limping rather than marching towards their semi-final with England on Wednesday. Yesterday's win over Croatia came at a high cost, with both Jürgen Klinsmann, their captain and main striker, and his partner Fredi Bobic off the field and out of the game by half-time.

Klinsmann suffered a torn calf muscle, the victim of some cruel Croatian tackling. Bobic a dislocated shoulder as he fell heavily. Both are almost certainly out of the game at Wembley on Wednesday.

"England can be looking forward to this game, because neither are likely to play on Wednesday," Bert Vogts, Germany's coach, said.

Germany had already been reduced to 20 players with the earlier loss of Kohler and Basler. They will now be down to 18 for the semi-final — and presumably for the final if

they should overcome England.

"I've torn a muscle, it's as simple and as bad as that," Klinsmann said after he had limped to the podium in the press conference. "It's the first time I've ever suffered an injury like that in my career, so I've no personal experience to go on. But the general wisdom is that these things take around 10 days to mend."

Klinsmann's disappointment was visible; Bobic was unable to reveal his, as he was on his way to hospital for x-rays. But perhaps the only surprise was that there were not more German wounded as Croatia began physically and then got worse after the dismissal of Stimac was followed

quickly by Germany's second, winning goal.

"I couldn't say it was the most physical game of the tournament, but it was certainly above average," Matthias Sammer, who had scored that goal, said. "But when we got onto the pitch we knew what was coming."

Perhaps no one had told Klinsmann. "It all happened in the opening moments. I got some bad kicks and hits on my leg," Klinsmann said. "I went to the touchline for treatment, but when I tried to come back onto the field I couldn't even stand on the leg."

Klinsmann at least took pride in his team's performance. "We are glad to have survived a very tough game,

and the team is looking forward to going to Wembley," he said. "We know we didn't play as well as we could, but the team has done very well to take in its stride the loss of Basler and Kohler and so many yellow cards."

"We have overcome all these things and maybe this will be the same as 1990. Then we only just scraped by against Czechoslovakia with a mediocre performance, but we went on to become world champions."

For their part Croatia were left bemoaning their luck, and complaining about the referee, particularly feeling that they should also have had a penalty. "It is difficult to accept defeat when it happens this

way," Zvonimir Boban said sourly. "We felt we were the better team all the way until the sending off of Stimac."

Bilic, who kicked Ziege when the German was on the ground after the mid-air collision which ended Bobic's involvement, said: "It was the heat of the moment thing and I apologised straight away." But the referee's failure to deal with that incident was only one instance of a performance which had both sides complaining about the refereeing.

Sympathy for Croatia was limited, however, for as Vogts complained: "They have a way of playing very provocatively." Nevertheless, the Germans prevailed and now move forward to face England. "The England team has gone from strength to strength through the tournament and they have to be admired for that," Vogts said.

FOOTBALL: HOME ADVANTAGE PROVING TO BE AN INVALUABLE ALLY AS HOSTS RIDE THEIR LUCK INTO THE LAST FOUR

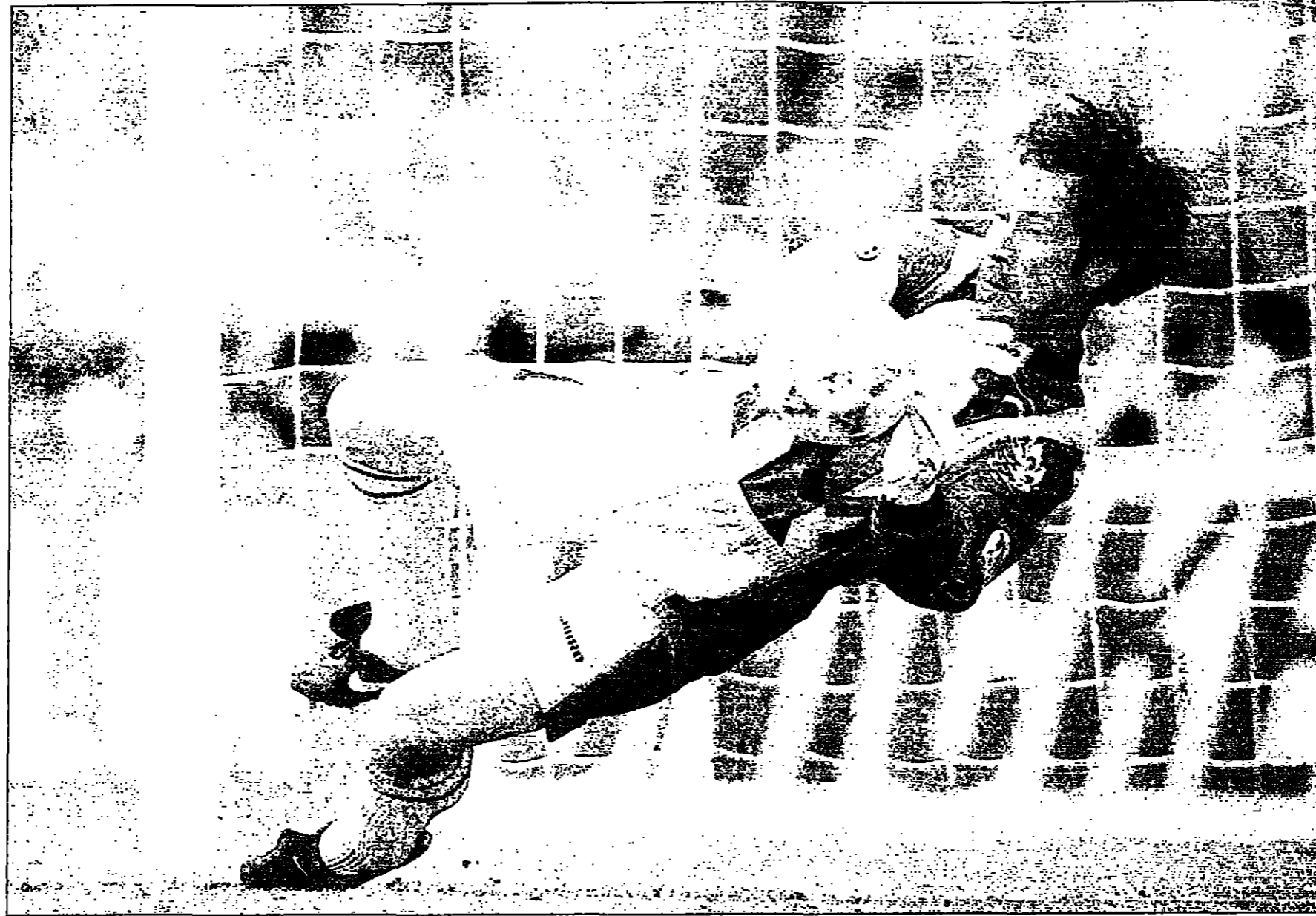
England on the crest of Wembley wave

ROB HUGHES



Football Correspondent

Spain 0
 England 0
 (aet: England win 4-2 on pens)



Seaman dives to block Nadal's penalty, giving England an unassailable 4-2 lead in the shoot-out and unleashing a tempest of emotion at Wembley on Saturday

THOSE of us who forecast that the ceiling of England's potential was the semi-finals had better begin our revision. Once a team rolls with the luck, the layer upon layer of resolve and the partiality of refereeing decisions that all conspired to help them to beat Spain at Wembley on Saturday, the sky surely has to be the limit.

Let any rival come to the citadel of English football, for the odds seem so stacked against opponents that it is hard to say with conviction that the best team will necessarily win a match there unless the best team turns out to be England.

On Saturday, despite the hollow-ness of the scoreline after two hours, the match had more cut and thrust than can be found in a bullring. The Spaniards put up an almighty blockade. Nadal and Abelar, at centre back, were men not merely of huge physique but, in Nadal's case, of an ability to move and toy with a football that made him far better than the picture painted of him based on his red-card image.

In front of them, the blockade before the blockade. Hierro would have been the man of the match had it not been for the penalty shoot-out, when his kick, Spain's first, struck the crossbar and left it quivering above Seaman's head as a moving symbol of what taking on the English is all about.

England deserved some kind of reward for their own absolute refusal to surrender to what appeared a better team, for courage that, in the captain, Tony Adams, was extreme. He, quite visibly, had had enough after 60, let alone 120 minutes of this fierce attrition. His knee, never granted reasonable time to recuperate after surgery in January, gives him grief; he appeared at times to be walking barefoot on a bed of nettles and yet when, deep into extra time, Kiko appeared to be through on the England goal, there was the lionhearted Adams diving in with a tackle sweetly timed.

The tackling was not always that. It took precisely 30 seconds for Abelar, with a violent assault on the heels of Shearer, to be shown the yellow card. The crowd bays for it — the French referee, Marc Batta, was to become a dark favourite of theirs — and thereafter he deprived Spain of a perfectly

good goal by Salinas, ruled offside, and denied them penalties when Gascoigne fouled in the area and again when Adams kicked at the back of Caminero.

After the first of those two incidents, M Batta rubbed salt into the Spanish wound by taking the name of Alfonso, for allegedly diving. One had seen this official do the same thing to Vlaovic, of Croatia, when "ordered" to do so by Schmeichel, the Denmark goalkeeper. How are the players to behave when referees such as this are chosen to run the show?

Yet England, initially with four square at the back and with Platt attempting to emulate the tactics and solidity of Ince in front of that

defence, were always competitive. They too missed opportunities: Shearer scooping the ball up over the bar from a matter of yards and Sheringham failing to put boot to ball with the goal at his mercy.

England also had McManaman, in the second half at least, running tenaciously at the heart of this wounding Spanish rearguard, and he had Seaman, a goalkeeper who has distinguished himself in all four games. How phlegmatic the man is, making alarming moments appear as soothing as a fishing expedition with Gascoigne.

His save from Manjarin, a tackle outside his penalty area rather than an authentic goalkeeping manoeuvre, could, alone, have

spared England blushes in this match. Zubizarreta, playing for the 110th time for Spain, produced equal anticipation and reflexes, with a fine deflection from Shearer early on and, later, in calmly palming the ball over the bar after Adams had risen to a free kick.

As Wednesday approaches, there are three areas of concern. First, that Gary Neville, that fine Manchester United defender, will not be there, his recklessness in the tackle having brought a second yellow card in three matches.

It is typical of the modern professional that the England players should suggest that Sergi, the opponent tackled so late and so high by Neville, had accentuated

the foul. For the whole of the second half and for extra time, Sergi, quite the most accomplished wing back on the field, was heckled unmercifully by spectators duped by the England players.

Then there is Gascoigne: or England hope there is. Lying increasingly deep, willing but not expert in covering and tackling, he injured himself 23 minutes into extra time. His tackle, mistimed and inappropriate, damaged his right ankle and left him hobbling with severe bruising, close to those famous tears.

Gascoigne and Wembley, a dreadful memory of his self-wounding antics of the past, may yet deprive England of the one truly inspirational talent they possess. The time between now and then will be crucial for Gascoigne and the physiotherapist.

Venables prepares to have the final say

THE message from the England dressing-room, Gary Neville said, after the win on Saturday against Spain, was "two to go" and Terry Venables did not alter it at Bisham Abbey yesterday. (Oliver Holt writes). "At the risk of putting a damper on all this," the England coach said, "we just want to go the whole way now."

Threaten their participation in the semi-final with Germany on Wednesday. Venables predicted a "titanic struggle. They will be very hard to shift. They are a very, very mobile team."

Venables said that Jamie Redknapp, the Liverpool midfielder player who played so well against Scotland, may come into the reckoning for the game because of his swift recovery from a twisted ankle. He would not elaborate on his options for replacing the sus-

pending Neville at right back but it is thought likely his brother, Philip, will deputise.

"It was a different kind of game on Saturday," Venables said. "Holland tried to outplay us but the Spanish came to stop us playing. We have got to fight until we drop when that happens and that is what we did. I was proud of their passion, and the professionalism of the penalty takers was outstanding. David Seaman showed that he is a great goalkeeper."



Nadal contemplates his miss

Vision of Gascoigne needed in advanced positions

IF WE allow ourselves to cheer too loud and too long the successful taking of four penalty kicks, we will fail to recognise the realities of England's quarter-final against Spain. The English game remains, as it has fundamentally always been, one of running, on or off the ball, rather than manoeuvring the ball, excluding Stanley Matthews and a few others.

Shearer, Platt, Pearce and Gascoigne had the presence of mind, the composure, which is part of football's character, to take four exhilarating penalty kicks, which, when not awarded for foul play, are not part of the game's natural structure. England famously won a cup-tie, but hardly a match.

Holland's style had allowed Shearer, Sheringham, Anderson and McManaman the space to run, just as Germany's will in the semi-finals. But Spain mostly did not. Denied this space, by Spain pulling ten and even 11 men behind the ball, only Gascoigne possessed the technique to create openings and his lack of pace restricted the occasions on which he could go past markers. England's play in four matches so far has, in addition to collective will-power, been distinguished by three men: Seaman's noble performance in goal, McManaman's reminder of Bobby Charlton's days on the wing and Gascoigne's vision, when he is not being smothered or dispossessed by swifter opponents.

Shearer, Sheringham, Anderson, after the defeat of Holland, that England were in the class of Brazil. On Saturday he was less impressive even than a retired Brazilian, burdened as he appeared to be by the weight of his head. Recollections of Beardsley, Keegan and others of the past made Sheringham seem ponderously wooden.

Though Gascoigne's foul on Alfonso early in the second half was undoubtedly a penalty, which surrendered any claim to a moral victory up to that moment, the most sporting gesture of the after-

THE SHOOT-OUT

Shearer (Eng) scored	1-0
Hierro (Sp) missed	1-0
Platt (Eng) scored	2-0
Amor (Sp) scored	2-1
Pearce (Eng) scored	3-1
Besue (Sp) scored	3-2
Gascoigne (Eng) scored	4-2
Nadal (Sp) saved	4-2
England win 4-2 on pens	

noon came from Alfonso, who had excuse enough for harbouring a grudge. When play was halted for a Spanish injury in their half of the field, he then deliberately gave England possession when the referee restarted play with a drop-ball ten yards inside the England half.

The match conspicuously illustrated England's inferior technique on the ball. The only strategic way to counter Spain's tactics, other than by endlessly hurling slings and arrows at their fortress, was to pull them forward, by close passing in midfield — as opposed to square passing space behind the back line, where it did not hurt — thereby creating space behind the Spanish middle line.

Only Gascoigne, however, has that kind of skill, which is why, while he continues to hold a place, it is essential for him to function on the perimeter of the attacking final third. It was from such a position, with 20 minutes of normal time remaining, that he floated the cross-pass from which Shearer ballooned an opening high over the bar.

The return of Ince, cementing the heart of midfield, is critical to the effective use of Gascoigne in the semi-finals and to be hoped, the final. The courageous Platt only rescued some disastrous tussling with heroic recovery tackles and interceptions as the match gnawed its way towards a climax.

In the history of cup-tie football by England — and I have seen all but 17 of the 172 ties they have played since 1950 — none was so agonisingly exciting as that on Saturday, other than the 1966 final. It was simultaneously gratifying and disappointing that England should win as they did, by an artificial conclusion yet with such a convulsive flourish. Admiration for the four men executing the penalty kicks is unbounded, yet I departed feeling sad for Hierro and Nadal, the two Spaniards who missed. Bernhard Langer's missed Ryder Cup putt is one thing, part of the game. A missed shoot-out penalty is something no player should have to live with.

Neville shows maturity far beyond tender years

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE tears of Paul Gascoigne, in Turin in 1990, set a fearsome standard for England players facing suspension to live up to, but, when the test came and the second yellow card of the tournament was flourished, Gary Neville, a young man who has known few reverses in his short but outstandingly successful career, failed it miserably.

Neville, 21, the Manchester United defender who was booked for a late lunge on Sergi early in the second half, played more steadily after the caution than before it even though he knew he was condemned to missing the semi-final. "I have got to get on with it," Neville said afterwards. "The boss has just said there is still the final to aim for and I know I have to be a supporter on Wednesday."

"The main thing is that England have got through. It's not about Gary Neville, Sergi overreacted when I tackled him, but it was a booking. I just kept playing as well as I could. We were playing for 50 million people and I could not let them down because of my disappointment."

After a match that highlighted the individual poise and precision-skills of four penalty-takers and

Mrs Pearce inspires penalty pay-off

IN the moment of victory, only one England player acted with the dignity and humility of a victor and he was not the obvious candidate. When David Seaman saved Nadal's nifty penalty to take England into the semi-finals, Stuart Pearce did not join in the hugging and kissing, as he had every evening to do. Instead, he sought out Fernando Hierro, whose early missed penalty prompted feelings that Pearce knew only too well. The tall, tireless, Spanish workhorse was sitting disconsolately in the centre circle, drinking in the awfulness of defeat and trying desperately to rationalise his part in it. His colleagues had melted away and Hierro was alone.

Pearce's handshake, born of robust recognition of a fellow traveller rather than any sentimental consolation for the loser, went largely unnoticed in the chaos of celebration. But for those of us who have held Pearce's old-fashioned virtues in relative contempt these past few years, who have seen in the jackhammer thighs, unthinking hoof and macho spirit the epitome of all that is wrong in English football, it prompted a true sense of remorse. Pearce had just exorcised his ghosts and he had no wish to see someone else inherit them, whatever their nationality. At that moment the matter of

Andrew Longmore on how an England player's wife helped to exorcise a ghost of the World Cup

winning and losing, which had reached a spectacular crescendo, was secondary to the acknowledgement of the ten courageous men who had volunteered to be vilified forever. That night Chris Waddle, the other "villain" of the 1990 World Cup, committed an act of bravery almost the equal of Pearce's. He admitted on national television that he would not have had the nerve to take another. The experience had scarred him for life. Pearce had been similarly scarred, but when Terry Venables tentatively explored the possibility of penalties in training the day before the match, his full back stepped forward without hesitation. Venables was still not sure about it as he stepped on to the field to nominate his five. Shearer nodded first, then Platt and Fowler.

"I had pencilled Stuart in, but I wondered whether I should put him in or not after what happened," the England coach said. "It was stupid of me even to doubt it. He was straight up to me: 'I'll take No 3'."

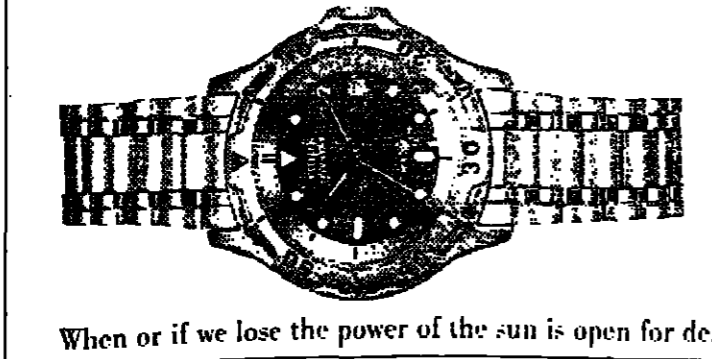
Pearce, never the most articulate of men, talked later of what he had gone through since his penalty flew straight at Illgner on that glorious and miserable night in Turin six

years ago. The despair was crystallised in the question his wife, Liz, once put to him. "I could hear her words burning in my ear. She was sitting in the kitchen and she said: 'Why is it always you who misses penalties?' I said: 'Maybe because I'm always the guy that takes them.'"

Once the formalities were over, Pearce's clenched-fist salute to the stand was directed straight at Liz. Does that answer your question? Young Clarence Seedorf, whose miss cost Holland a place in the semi-finals, should take heart from Pearce's joyous settling of scores.

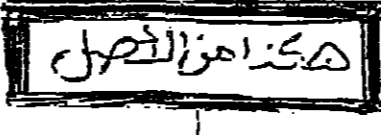
The only place to be at such times is in goal. The goalkeeper has nothing to lose. He cannot miss. He can only be the hero. Even David Seaman admitted as much. "I'd rather be facing them than taking them," he said. The takers walk the tightrope. Like a golfer faced with a five-foot putt to win the Open, a simple everyday act becomes invested with the experience of a lifetime. It can look easy or impossibly difficult: the goal the size of a hangar door or a keyhole, the goalkeeper a midget or a giant. Peter Beardsley, not normally a penalty-taker, volunteered to take one against Germany in the 1990 semi-final because, having played so well, missing was out of the question.

Shearer, four goals in four games. Fowler, a confident young man. Platt, an experienced professional. Gascoigne, nervous. And Pearce, a man possessed by his own demons. A play within a play, rehearsals irrelevant. Shearer's confident opening penalty set the tone. Hierro's miss compounded the overwhelming belief that 75,000 people could not be wrong. But when Pearce strode six paces to thump the ball crisply past Zubizarreta's left hand and into the corner, England were all but home. "You know," Pearce said. "It could all happen again on Wednesday night in the semi-final."



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EURO 96

DAILY TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

ENGLAND

Tony Adams commanded centre stage at Bisham Abbey yesterday after his Herculean performance against Spain. The official leader in place of David Platt — now confirmed as the official leader in place of David Platt — was liberally sprinkled with all his usual stirring stuff about all the boys being in it together, but he managed to raise a few laughs, too.

While those not involved in the game on Saturday took part in a full morning's training including a game of one-touch in which Robbie Fowler shone, those of the first team who did not need treatment for their injuries went for a stroll down by the banks of the River Thames, which winds its way past their training pitches towards Henley.

Adams, the only player offered for interview yesterday, was asked how his troublesome knee was faring. "It's fine," he said, "but that's because we've just been lying on our backs watching the boats go past. As long as I restrict myself to that I'll be OK." He said he could not explain why the England team, to a man, had stayed on their feet before the onset of extra time while Spain lay on the pitch like fallen soldiers. "As far as I'm concerned, though," he said, "I know that if I had sat down I would never have got up again."

And finally, before the tabloids start weighing in with the Stan Boardman jokes, Adams got one of his own in first. A journalist from *Bird* asked him if he had a word for the Germans. "I've got a word for them," Adams said, "but it wouldn't be right to tell you what it is."

CAUTIONS: Ince (2), G Neville (2), Adams Shearer, Sheenham, Southgate

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GERMANY

Germany yesterday were putting the final touches on their plans for this morning's mass exodus, whether they were heading for London or Frankfurt. But the problems of the German FA, who had only the team, delegation, and support staff to worry about, were small compared to the operation to dismantle and move the media village which has grown up on the edge of the hotel grounds.

Given the size of the media corps, it is surprising that things have been so calm in the German camp, but transfer stories began to surface at the weekend, with rumours flying around that Barcelona are interested in Andreas Köpcke. Köpcke had agreed to join VfB Stuttgart, but his former club, Eintracht Frankfurt, asked for DM500,000; Stuttgart offered only DM200,000 — less than £100,000 — a demerit sum for a goalkeeper proclaimed by Jürgen Klinsmann as one of the two best in the tournament.

Hence Barcelona's renewed interest, which has not pleased Bert Vogts. "It says something about Andreas's class but we want peace and quiet at the moment and do not want to be bothered with speculation like this," Vogts said.

Further disruption had come on Friday night, when they had to evacuate their hotel after a false fire alarm. "It must have been a very sensitive alarm, and we were only out of the hotel for a matter of minutes," Wolfgang Niersbach, the German press officer, said.

CAUTIONS: Babbel (2), Reuter, Häßler, Möller, Kuntz, Ziege, Bierhoff, Sammer, Klinsmann

DISMISSAL: Strunz

PB

FRANCE

France progress, but at a price which could, ultimately, cost them dear. Christophe Dugary, the centre forward, will take no further part in the tournament after damaging a cruciate ligament in his knee. Dugary had been rested against Holland, because of injury worries, and had only been on for 18 minutes as a substitute before misfortune struck.

Dugary's absence is a blow because the team functions far better with him leading the line. His injury leaves only Loko and Madar to contest the front-running role that dictates so much of the French pattern of play. Only three forwards in a squad of 22 was a gamble, especially when a certain Angélique has been left without gainful employment.

Christian Karembeu will also miss the semi-final, a victim of his own stupidity. He was booked, for the second time in the tournament, after refusing to retreat ten yards at a free kick. "I have paid a heavy penalty. I hope my team-mates will help me by reaching the final," he said. "I would like to win the tournament now, in honour of my friend, Clarence Seedorf, who missed the penalty against us. He has asked me to win for him, and we will try hard to do it."

After their victory, described as "lucky" by Aimé Jacquet, their coach, France did not, this time, celebrate too extensively. Instead they returned to their hotel near Wigan, perhaps glad to have finally taken residence from the Russians. No one realised that Wigan, Orwellian landscape of piers and pies, held such attraction.

CAUTIONS: Karembeu (2), de Meco, Blanc, Djorkaeff, Desailly, Dugary, Deschamps

DM

PORTUGAL

With a small press corps and few supporters here, there has been little pressure on Portugal. "The spirit in the camp is high," Antonio Oliveira, the Portugal coach, said on Saturday, "and we are confident. We don't feel any pressure from comparisons with the team of 1966. We've won nothing but we don't need to match those teams. We're just out to prove that this generation of players is a good one. Reaching the quarter-finals is an achievement, so anything after that would be a success."

They may have reasons for hoping for greater things in future years, with a young team, most of whom played together in the youth team that won the World Youth Cup, the Portuguese FA having decided to revamp their football after 1996 with considerable success. If only they had a striker.

There was one unsettling story in the camp over the weekend, with rumours circulating that the captain, Vítor Bala's move to Barcelona has broken down. Bala refused to comment, with Oliveira banning transfer talk from the camp as a distraction, but it explained Barcelona's renewed interest in the Germany goalkeeper, Köpcke.

Oliveira, however, was happy to give his support to the players' request to dedicate the game to the children of East Timor, where the Indonesians have made it illegal to listen to Portugal's games on the radio and they are not allowed to be shown on television.

CAUTIONS: Paulinho Santos (2), Oceano, Sa Pinto, João Pinto, Paulo Sousa, Figo, Tavarés

PB

SPAIN

It was billed in the Spanish media, bristling at the ugly racism of the English tabloid press, as *The Brave Bull Against the Mad Cow* (a genuine headline in *Marcel*). The bull, they claimed yesterday, was put to the sword unfairly not by a better England team, but by a biased referee.

"You can't play against 11 men, 70,000 fans and three officials," Julio Salinas, the Spain centre forward, said. "We were cheated. We came into the European championship the worst prepared of any team, still silenced our critics but we were not able to beat all that against us."

Not exactly unused to saying it straight, Javier Clemente, the coach, went one further. "We were the better team. We turned England in their own stadium, despite all their advantages and we are only going home because the penalty process does not reward the better team," he said.

The tournament will miss Clemente, who returns, surprisingly, a hero to his homeland. After defeating Romania, Spain were branded pathetic. Now they are portrayed as heroes. "Do not cry, Spain gave England a lesson in football in the home of the game," Marca said.

Clemente left a message for England, and a typically controversial one. Gascoigne is not the England star, merely an overweight lager lout. The star is that shining beacon of silky skills — Gareth Southgate. "He is at the heart of everything creative England do," he said. "Come again, Javier?"

CAUTIONS: Sergi (2), Abetardo (2), Caminero, Amor, Luis Enrique, Arnesen, Otero, Kiko, Nadal, Belsue, Alfonso

DISMISSAL: Pizzi

DM

CROATIA

Croatia has been one of the more relaxed training camps to visit during Euro 96, with little of the "team v press turbulence" experienced at other less harmonious headquarters. Apart from a slight straining of relationships after their opening, and unconvincing, 1-0 win over Turkey, and the criticism levelled at Miroslav Blazevic, the coach, after he had left out seven players for the game against Portugal, which they lost 3-0, all has been relative sweetness and light.

Much of the Croatian content is due to their love of chess, the national pastime in the street bars of Zagreb, Split and Osijek. It is unlikely that Paul Gascoigne enjoys such a cerebral pursuit — though he has been known to utter "I'll have a cheque, mate!" — but for Zvonimir Boban, the Croatia captain, no day is complete until he has pitted his wits against Blazevic or Otto Barić, the assistant coach.

However, it is the Blazevic-Barić confrontations that transcend all others, with their duels often extending long into the night. On one occasion, Barić left foul of his rival's mischievous sense of humour and took unkindly to suggestions that he had been aided by one of the players removing a piece from the board when Blazevic was not looking.

The meeting of minds got serious, DM100 was laid on the table and the battle of kings and queens commenced. Barić should have known better; he was but a mere pawn. The boss, twinkle in eye as ever, won 2-1.

CAUTIONS: Asanovic, Boban, Soldo, Stancic, Prosinicki, Vukovic, Farnic, Jamil, Pavlicic

DISMISSAL: Simic

RK

HOLLAND

It was difficult not to feel a sliver of sympathy for Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, after the Dutch had departed the European championship finals at Anfield on Saturday. Not only for the misfortune that appeared to befall him and his squad at every turn but also because of the patient and courteous manner in which he conducted himself throughout testing times.

Hiddink, 49, is a former coach of Fenerbahce, in Turkey, and Valencia, in Spain, where he presumably honed his skills at dealing with the fanatical, and often illogical, attentions of the local and national media. Whether conversing in Dutch or English during Euro 96, he always offered considered, rational and humorous responses to even the most banal of questioning — a lesson that might not go amiss at many an FA Carling Premiership establishment.

What did he think of the decision when Holland were denied an obvious penalty, after Desailly had handled, during normal time in their quarter-final against France? "I haven't seen the replay yet," he said, "but if it was inside the area, as I am told, then that is a shame. A great shame." Can you imagine how high Alan Ball's talsetto would have risen, or how purple Ron Atkinson's face would have raged, had similar injustice been meted out to Manchester City or Coventry City?

"France are a strong side, a strong unit, who have a lot of clever players," Hiddink added. "We gave them a good game, we created a lot of chances, but it was not enough."

CAUTIONS: Witschge, Taument, Seedorf, Winter, Blind, Bergkamp, de Kock, Kluyvert, Bogarde

RK

CZECH REPUBLIC

Every Euro 96 side has thrust a hitherto little-known player into the limelight. For the Czechs that player is Radek Bejbl. He is tall, blonde and stands out in anyone's company. But he has proved a menace to opposing sides as he biases his way through midfield.

No doubt aware of the impact that he would make during Euro 96, Slavia Prague extended his contract in generous terms just before he left for England. But since when has a contract ever prevented transfer discussions? At present Bordeux are in talks with the club — but not the player. A larger-than-might-be-expected posse of French journalists have been attending the Czech Republic's training sessions but so far Bejbl himself is blissfully unaware of what is going on.

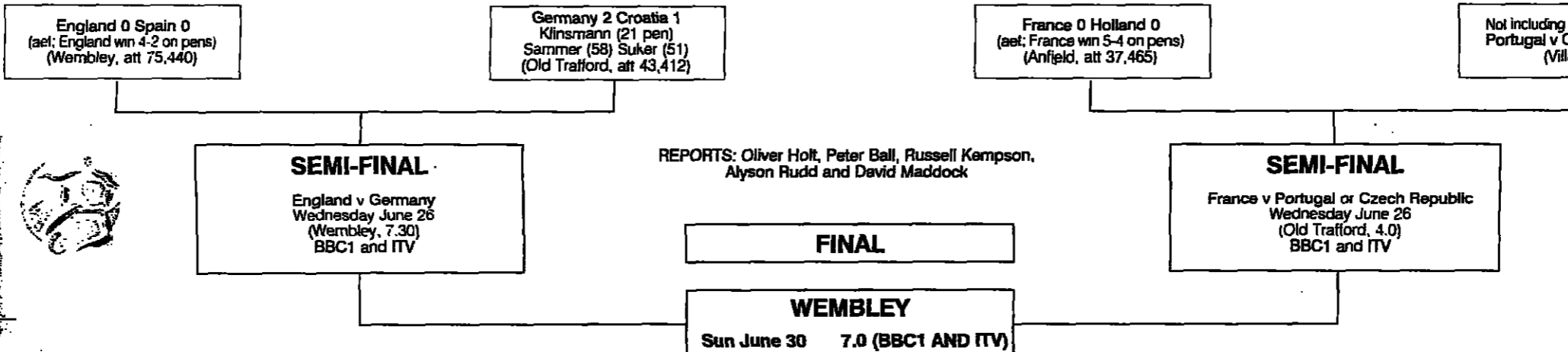
We used to associate eastern European teams with strict discipline. The liberated Czech Republic is now as far removed from that stigma as it could possibly be. Preparation for the game last night was gentle: a barbecue with wives and girlfriends, light stretching exercises, lazy summer-day lies.

Puma is impressed, though, and quickly announced a new sponsorship deal once the Czechs reached the knockout phase, trebling its cash commitment to the side. The only downside from the players' point of view is that the Puma/Czech mascot is an enormous green liger dressed in the team kit and it follows them everywhere.

CAUTIONS: Nedved (2), Kadlec (2), Drulak, Bejbl, Kuka, Suchoparek, Nemeš

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QUARTER-FINALS



HOW THE GROUPS FINISHED

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Holland	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Scotland	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Switzerland	3	0	1	2	1	1	1
France	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Spain	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Romania	3	0	0	3	1	4	0
Germany	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
Czech Rep	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Italy	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Russia	3	0	1	2	4	8	1
Portugal	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Croatia	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Denmark	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Turkey	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

Group	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GROUP A	England 1 Switzerland 1	Shearer (23) Türkyılmaz (83 pen)	(Wembley, attendance 76,567)					
	Holland 0 Scotland 0	(Villa Park, attendance 34,363)						
	Switzerland 0 Holland 2	Cruyff (35) Bergkamp (78)	(Villa Park, attendance 36,800)					
	England 2 Scotland 0	Shearer (53) Gascoigne (79)	(Wembley, attendance 76,864)					
GROUP B	Spain 1 Bulgaria 1	Alfonso (73) Stoichkov (85 pen)	(Elland Road, attendance 26,006)					
	Romania 0 France 1	Dugary (24)	(St James' Park, attendance 26,323)					
	Bulgaria 1 Romania 0	Stoichkov (3)	(St James' Park, attendance 19,107)					
	France 1 Spain 1	Djorkaeff (48) Caminero (85)	(Elland Road, attendance 35,826)					
GROUP C	France 3 Bulgaria 1	Blanc (20) Penew (83 og) Loko (80) Stoichkov (69)	(St James' Park, attendance 26,876)					
	Romania 1 Spain 2	Raducioiu (29) Manjari (11) Amor (83)	(Elland Road, attendance 32,719)					
	Germany 2 Czech Republic 0	Ziege (25) Möller (3)	(Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)					
	Italy 2 Russia 1	Casiraghi (5, 52) Tsymbalov (20)	(Anfield, attendance 35,120)					
GROUP D	Czech Republic 2 Italy 1	Nedved (4) Sejbl (35) Chiesa (18)	(Anfield, attendance 37,323)					
	Russia 0 Germany 3	Sammer (58) Klinsmann (77, 90)	(Old Trafford, attendance 50,760)					
	Italy 0 Germany 0	(Old Trafford, attendance 53,740)						
	Russia 3 Czech Republic 3	Mostovoi (49) Tetradze (54) Baschastnykh (85)	Suchoparek (8) Kuka (19) Smicer (89)	(Anfield, attendance 21,128)				
GROUP D	Denmark 1 Portugal 1	B Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52)	(Hillsborough, attendance 34,993)					
	Turkey 0 Croatia 1	Viaovic (85)	(City Ground, attendance 22,460)					
	Portugal 1 Turkey 0	Couto (66)	(City Ground, attendance 22,670)					
	Croatia 3 Denmark 0	Suker (83 pen, 90) Boban (81)	(Hillsborough, attendance 33,671)					
GROUP D	Croatia 0 Portugal 3	Figo (4) João Pinto (33) Domingos (82)	(City Ground, attendance 20,484)					
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CRICKET: STEWART STEERING ENGLAND TOWARDS SAFETY IN A SECOND TEST WINNING FEW POINTS FOR ENTERTAINMENT

India's newcomers make their mark

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LORD'S (fourth day of five): England, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 28 runs ahead of India

IT WOULD have taken a startlingly good Test match to hold the attention of the sporting nation this weekend and Lord's, for all its splendour and ceremony, has not provided it. Unless England bat remarkably badly today, the second game of this Cornhill series will end in the draw which has loomed large since early on Friday.

This will be thought disappointing, partly because the modern cricket watcher is unaccustomed to stalemate but also because England, unusually, were expected to win. India, however, have learned from the starkness of their defeat at Edgbaston. They came here determined not to lose and, through infinitely more resourceful batting, that priority will be achieved.

An India victory is not inconceivable, for England's lead is slender and they have already lost both Michael Atherton and Nasser Hussain. Not the first paradox of this game is that the man steering them towards safety,

India's young Stars 32
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last evening, was Alec Stewart, who would not even have played but for Nick Knight failing a fitness test.

It has not been edge-of-the-seat entertainment. Only 22 wickets have fallen in four days and, with a day to come, the runs aggregate is barely more than half the total amassed in the corresponding fixture of 1990. Apart from the emotional welcome for Dickie Bird and the acclaim for centuries by Jack Russell and Sourav Ganguly, the crowd was at its most animated while England were taking penalties up the road at Wembley.

This does not make it a irredeemably poor match, simply one of old-fashioned pace, of measured tread. Batsmen have been unable to score fast enough to advance the game. This has suited India's main purpose perfectly well and by shedding the cavalier legacies of a one-day overdose, they have never been in danger of defeat.

Their newcomers have so excelled themselves that a slice of cricket history was almost attained. For two debutants to score centuries in the same innings — even the same match — is unknown in Test cricket, yet Rahul Dravid was only five runs short of emulating Ganguly when he fell to the third new ball yesterday afternoon.

England will have found it chattering to be confined to the field for almost two days and worrying that their bowling could look innocuous for so long. An attack mono-



Dravid, who fell five runs short of a century in his maiden Test innings, forces a short ball through the offside at Lord's yesterday

polished by seam is seldom a good idea and none of England's five have posed as much threat as either of the India new-ball bowlers, Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad.

Chris Lewis produced the ball of the match to pitch on and hit Sachin Tendulkar's off stump and generally looked the likeliest to take wickets. Peter Martin atoned, with a spell of good line and consistent outswing yesterday morning, for some tame stuff on Saturday but Alan Mullally, who maintained an admirable line through the third day, regressed on the fourth. The jury remains out on him.

Too often, the line of the bowlers erred so spectacularly that Russell was obliged to take off, in either direction, to avoid conceding byes. It was not Russell's finest work for England, and 11 byes were recorded against him, but he will feel the bowlers made his life unnecessarily hard.

The pavilion flags flew at half-mast yesterday morning, following news of the death of Ray Lindwall, and a fourth near-capacity crowd was taking its time in arriving. The latecomers must have known something, for it took England more than three hours to prise out the remaining four Indian wickets, by which point a

deficit of 85 had been registered.

David Lloyd's attention to detail, as England coach, extends to gathering data on how and where each of the opposition batsmen score their runs. He felt well prepared on both Ganguly and Dravid: whether he felt his bowlers carried out instructions is more arguable. Dravid could not match the elegance of his colleague but he equalled his tenacity and spent the morning session adding only 23 runs.

Kumble was out within the first hour, a shuffle across his stumps against Martin giving umpire Hain little option but

to raise his previously reluctant finger. Srinath led a charmed life until Mullally bowled him behind his legs and Dravid was into his seventh hour at the crease when Lewis ended his dreams of immortality.

England now had to bat out half the day with no ambition of anything but a draw. At first, this was a thoroughly uncomfortable mission as Srinath endorsed his stature as the best bowler on either side through a withering spell against Atherton. The England captain was almost caught at short-leg, spooned an attempted pull just over the infield and needed all his

instincts to drop his hands against a series of lifting balls. He was also struck painfully on his right index finger, bursting a blood vessel.

Having somehow negotiated all this, Atherton set sail with more assurance after tea, only to be cut short by a dramatic leg break from Kumble which pitched on middle stump and turned sharply to hit off. It was a wonderful delivery, the highlight of a somewhat humdrum day.

Stewart will not think so. Presented with time and opportunity to restate his England credentials, he responded busily. Offering a possible legside chance to Mongia off Kumble, he was otherwise in command, his feet working more nimbly than of late. He lost Hussain with four overs remaining, bizarrely caught at cover as he tried to withdraw from a planned hook, but this morning he will fancy his chances of the century that will give the selectors pause for thought.

Atherton made to struggle for peace of mind

MICHAEL HENDERSON



At Lord's

For half an hour yesterday afternoon, as India battled to get back into a game that was becoming drier by the minute, Michael Atherton looked an ordinary batsman. He has a claim to being the most reliable opener in Test cricket, after Mark Taylor of Australia, and it was a mark of Srinath's excellence that when he had the ball in his hand, the England captain could only hang on for dear life.

It is too early to say that Atherton has lost his form; better to say he is having the sort of problems that afflict all experienced batsmen from time to time. He is not moving his feet properly and he might be feeling that he is receiving more good balls than the chap at the other end. In this mood he expects the worst that the bowlers can hurl at him and wears a pained expression, as if he mistrusts the world at large.

What can a batsman do when he's out of nick, except keep batting? To keep his bowing arm in shape Yehudi Menuhin used to practise the violin for three hours every day, no matter what. A batsman is less fortunate because, however valuable nets may be on days off, they can never replicate the heat of battle. As Alec Stewart went to his fifty last night, Atherton probably thought: "Oi! Those are my runs you're making".

'He expects the worst the bowlers can hurl at him'

It is now five matches since Atherton made the last, and most outstanding, of his nine Test hundreds, in Johannesburg. That is not a great gap but, for his own peace of mind, he ought to add a tenth soon. After weathering the storms of Ambrose and Walsh, Donald and Pollock, and a variety of Australians, it is possible he is not concentrating as fully as he should against a bowling team that lacks depth, though he cannot underestimate Srinath, who is a high-class fast-medium bowler, or Prasad.

Srinath peppered him, there is no doubt about that. Atherton took every ball of his first four overs, and there is not one he played with absolute conviction. He could have been leg-before-most at once and, in Srinath's second over, he was beaten in two different ways, almost offering a catch to short leg as well as being cut in two by a vicious break-back.

In the third over he essayed an unconvincing pull shot that split the field, his front leg in the air like a frantic dancer performing a Scottish reel. It was the stroke of a man trying

hard to break a bowler's spell, and on many other days it would have cost him his wicket. Then, painfully, he was hit on his bottom hand as he withdrew it from the bat handle.

Not for the first time this summer Srinath went unwarded for an outstanding piece of bowling. Where England's bowlers looked toothless, unable to worry the India batsmen in the first part of the day, Srinath generated pace and got the ball to go past the bat at a fair height. He did not get his man but he reminded Atherton that, so long as he is around, batting will never be easy, even on a placid pitch.

The game needed that red-blooded passage, for there was little else to get worked up about. This has been an old-fashioned Test, with the batsmen spreading their runs grudgingly through each session. India, who batted so sloppily at Edgbaston, have been determined to show they can play responsibly, to the point of self-denial. That is not to denigrate the efforts of Dravid, who came within five runs of emulating Ganguly's hundred on his debut. He showed the virtue of an unfussy approach, against bowling that lacked devilment. It is that failure, rather than Atherton's current form, that should concentrate the minds of England's thinkers.

He has not started the season in the brightest form for Lancashire, and England cannot long sustain a captain out of hand. Without Atherton's killer on the tiller their batting is often rudderless. They may get away with it against India, but Pakistan, with their superior bowling resources, will ask tougher questions.

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

INDIA: First Innings		ENGLAND: First Innings	
V Rathore c Hussain b Cook (49min, 21 balls, 2 fours)	15	P L Mianbrey not out (74min, 42 balls, 2 fours)	15
H R Mongia lbw b Lewis (12min, 05 balls, 2 fours)	24	B K V Prasad c Stewart b Cook (17min, 16 balls)	4
S C Ganguly b Mullally (43min, 300 balls, 20 fours)	31	Extras (lb 11, rb 25, w 10, nb 0)	55
S R Tendulkar b Lewis (82min, 59 balls, 5 fours)	18	Total (189.3 overs, 760mins)	439
*M Ahsanuddin c Russell b Mullally (53min, 31 balls, 2 fours)	10	FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25 (Mongia 9), 2-59 (Ganguly 19), 3-123 (Ganguly 44), 4-154 (Ganguly 54), 5-202 (Ganguly 89), 6-286 (Dravid 38), 7-351 (Dravid 63), 8-388 (Dravid 79), 9-419 (Mianbrey 11)	15
A D Jadeja b Irani (85min, 56 balls, 1 four)	16	BOWLING: Lewis 40-11-101-3 (11 overs, 5-1-10, 6-3-17, 5-0-28, 1-5-2-0, 4-1-10, 6-3-11, 2-1-3-0, 4-2-6-0, 3-0-7-1); Cook 42-3-10-12-2 (10.7, w 2, 14 overs, 7-3-15-1, 8-5-15-0, 3-2-1-0, 4-0-1-0, 7-0-35-0, 4-0-12-0, 7-2-13-0, 2-3-0-4-1); Mullally 39-14-71-3 (10.3, w 6-6, 6 overs, 6-3-2-0, 3-1-10-0, 9-4-1-1, 5-0-13-0, 5-2-3-1, 5-2-13-0, 6-2-13-1); Martin 34-10-7-1 (8 overs, 5-1-13-0, 6-2-17-0, 4-2-8-0, 5-1-13-0, 1-1-0-0, 8-1-14-1, 5-2-11-0); Irani 12-3-31-1 (3 overs, 3-1-1-0, 3-1-0-1, 4-0-2-0-0) (2 overs, one spell)	17
J Srinath b Mullally (62min, 47 balls, 2 fours)	19	ENGLAND: Second Innings	17
		*M A Atherton b Kumble (72min, 51 balls, 2 fours)	85
		A J Stewart not out (157min, 131 balls, 8 fours)	28
		N Hussain c Dravid b Srinath (86min, 69 balls, 3 fours)	28
		P J Martin not out (18min, 20 balls)	2
		Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	1
		Total (2 wks, 46 overs, 187min)	113
		FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42 (Stewart 31), 102 (Stewart 62)	
		BOWLING: Srinath 12-4-29-1 (3 overs, 10-3-25-0, 9-1-4-1), Prasad 10-2-31-0 (5 overs, 4-1-15-0, 6-1-1-0), Kumble 18-4-36-1 (3 overs, one spell), Ganguly 1-0-3-0 (10.1, one spell), Mianbrey 3-0-13-0 (2 overs, one spell)	
		SCORING NOTES: Fourth day: Test 27-0 (10 overs, 45min; Atherton 8, Stewart 19)	
		Umpires: H D Bird and D B Hair (Australia)	
		Third umpire: A G T Whitehead (Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies))	
		SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edgbaston): England won by 8 wickets. Test to come: Third (Trent Bridge) July 3 to 9.	
		Compiled by Bill Frindall	

Azharuddin's courage reaps rewards

John Woodcock rejoices in the two splendid innings which have illuminated the Lord's Test

There is nothing like a good English pitch and a modern England bowling attack, especially one devoid of spin, for putting visiting batsmen at their ease. Had the pitch for the first Test match at Edgbaston not been such a poor one, the Indians would no doubt have discovered the voracity of this there, and not had to wait until Lord's before doing so.

In this second Test they have had one crucial stroke of luck: they won the toss and were thus spared from batting first. If Azharuddin feels he is letting his side down with the magic wand which passes for his bat, his courage in putting England in here, despite the calamitous consequences of having done the same on the corresponding occasion six years ago, has more than made up for it. It could be said to have saved a tour.

Had India been batting last Thursday morning, with the ball moving about prodigiously, they could well have been routed. Normally it is only at Headingly under low cloud that the bat is beaten with such frequency as it was in the first two or three hours of England's first innings. By Friday afternoon, when India went in, the fire and futility had gone out of the pitch, and, but for the ball with which Lewis bowled Tendulkar, a real beauty, they might easily have come closer than they did to the 600 for nine which they made at the Oval in their last but one Test match in this country.

As entertainment, the present match has been a big disappointment. In very different conditions, England made things happen at Edgbaston: at Lord's, where thrust and variety in bowling have come to be needed, they have dropped away again, not least because of their choice of a one-paced attack. Contrast in pace not only gives a captain more options and a game more interest; it prevents batsmen from settling down.

David Lloyd's influence was evident

during India's innings with one or two new and carefully-conceived field-placings — a very fine leg slip for Ganguly, for example, and two square legs, one just either side of the umpire, for Azharuddin; but there was no compensating for the absence of a proper English spinner.

It was splendid to see a young Bengali playing such a vital and resolute innings for India as Ganguly's, and parading so handsomely the left-hander's natural cover drive. In the 64 years for which India have played Test cricket the only other Bengali to have made a hundred for them was Pankaj Roy, and Ganguly got his chance on this tour only as a

replacement for the wayward Vinod Kambli. For over seven hours on Friday and Saturday his self-discipline and technique were remarkable — and he is not yet 23.

As a source of cricketing talent Calcutta is as untapped as it is incalculable. If the monsoon allowed it, the fact that one of its multitude, Sourav Ganguly, has become only the third player to make a Test hundred at Lord's on his debut will have generated all the improvised games that went on at the weekend, on fetid streets or teeming Maidan, in that incredible city. Ganguly's innings will have done much good and brought great joy. The two other batsmen to have got off the



Ganguly acknowledges the Lord's crowd after becoming only the third player to score a century on his Test debut at the ground

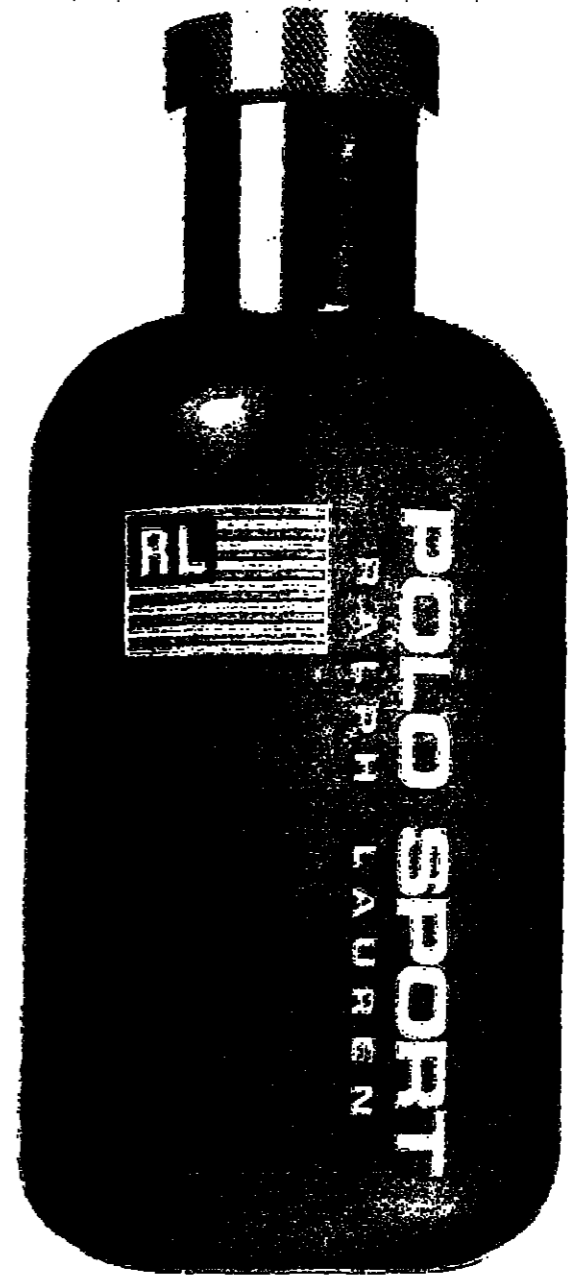
mark in Test cricket with a century at Lord's were Harry Graham, for Australia, in 1893 and John Hampshire, for England, against West Indies in 1960.

Then came Rahul Dravid, from southern India, who, like Ganguly, soon found that the reason why England's bowlers came and looked him in the eye after following through was because they could contrive no more constructive or laudable way of asserting themselves. Dravid is, if anything, a more instinctive player than Ganguly. He is certainly more typically oriental, his game hinging to a greater degree on eye and wrist. He, too, must wish that life always consisted of batting against England at Lord's in June, watched by a generous crowd, with the sun shining and Cork and Martin bowling from one end and Lewis, Mullally and Irani from the other.

Lastly, and briefly, a word about umpire Bird, who takes his final bow in Test cricket today, the first umpire in any sport to have enjoyed star billing. Walking down Piccadilly in his flat white cap, this unusually self-effacing Yorkshireman would be more widely recognised than anyone in Parliament, other than the Prime Minister, or in the Church, other perhaps than the Pope, or from the stage or in industry. If television is responsible for that, so also is Bird's own ingenuously.

I felt the acclaim accorded to him at the start of this Test match, and the fuss the two teams made, as though all the kings and queens of England were about to appear, would have been better left until this evening. But I was told that that was mean of me, and it was indeed a most affectionate tribute, one that would have been paid only to an essentially honest and unexpectedly resilient figure. At his best Dickie Bird has been an exceptional umpire — more an Alex Skelting or a Bill Reeves of the day than a Frank Chester, the doyen of them all.

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CRICKET

Benson frustrated onlooker as Kent revival gains pace

THERE is a poignancy to the county championship table this morning. Kent, for whom the wooden spoon was such an indignity last season, have climbed to the top after a stirring victory over the champions, Warwickshire. But their captain, Mark Benson, has played no active part and he now fears that his 17-year career may be over.

Benson is resigning himself to the fact that he will miss the entire season with a serious knee injury, ironically sustained during a friendly game of football. And while the team he built during six years as captain, mounts a challenge for the title they last won in 1978, Benson waits fretfully to discover if he will play again.

"I am worried that it is career-threatening," Benson said. "Initially, I was told I had torn a ligament and it would take six weeks to mend, but I then developed a sharp pain behind the knee. A specialist told me I had torn off a large piece of cartilage and that every time I walk, if I tread in a certain way, it brings bone against bone.

"The pain when that happens is excruciating, so bad it makes me feel sick and dizzy, and although I feel it is slowly getting better, my surgeon is not confident that I'll be able to play this year." As Benson is 38 next month and had planned only one further season as a player, the long-term implication is obvious.

"It is terribly frustrating, because I can't even run, bike or swim, so I feel I am making no progress. But although I



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hate missing so much cricket, I am honestly thrilled that the team is doing well. Some people have suggested that it must be making me feel worse but they couldn't be more wrong. I brought a lot of these players to the club. They're my friends, as well as cricketers I happen to believe in, so of course I want them to succeed."

Benson remains hurt by the reaction of a body of Kent members to the curious double last season of the Sunday League title and the championship wooden spoon. The captain and his players were criticised at the club's annual meeting, despite having won their first trophy in 17 years. "I felt it was unfair," Benson said, "but I know that the people who attend the AGM are not the type who go to the Sunday League.

"I was stung by certain comments, especially by people who said they didn't care at all about the Sunday League. It still rankles a little, because they did not give us credit for what we had achieved — and both Steve Marsh and I agreed that once we had won a trophy we would be on the way."

Marsh, who has led the side in Benson's absence, is now enjoying the vindication of that belief. Benson's pride can only be expressed from afar. "The fact is that our players have a new confidence, which comes from having won something. I always thought it would happen this way."

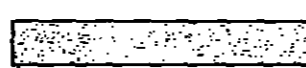
Benson is also intrigued to see that Northamptonshire are having just the kind of season Kent did last year — they are in the Benson and Hedges Cup final and top of the Sunday League, yet bottom of the championship after Worcestershire escaped from that position by heroically chasing 446 to beat Somerset on Saturday. "It is a fact of this game that if you have a relatively small playing staff then something will have to give during a season. Nobody sets out to do badly in the championship."

No such problems for Kent right now, though. Five wickets for Martin McCague, who has bowled with great zest, pushed a defiant Warwickshire to their third defeat in seven matches — one more than they lost throughout last season. Mark Ealham, whose consistency and vitality could bring him a Test cap before the summer is out, finished with match figures of ten for 74 but a ninth-wicket stand of 92 kept the result in doubt and confirmed that there is life in the ailing champions yet.

Although Benson has been inactive, his input to Kent's season has been considerable. It was his idea, for instance, that Matthew Fleming, widely dismissed as a one-day slogger, should open the batting and Fleming has responded with a series of bold and important innings.

Fleming will be the choice of many to take on the captaincy if, as expected, Benson relinquishes it at the end of the season. Graham Cowdrey will also have his supporters and Marsh is in the odd position of knowing that he is unlikely to keep the job unless, in his caretaker role, he can bring the championship to Canterbury this year.

Benson, meanwhile, is pondering his future, possibly as an umpire or even in the sports betting business that so fascinates him. "But that is a decision I hope I don't have to take for a while," he said. "I've made 48 centuries in my career and I would dearly love to make that 50. It's an incentive to keep hoping that I can get over this injury."



Benson: serious injury

India's youngsters so quick to learn



Amit Pagnis, right, captain for the day, and Mithun Manhas survey the scene during the Star Cricket Club's recent match at Marlow

When Sourav Ganguly first toured England, he told his manager, the beneficent Kailash Gattani, that somebody else must pack and carry his bags for him. He came from an affluent background in India and was slow to change his pampered ways as he was his sluggish running between the wickets. What was distinctive was a feel for the game that was so apparent in his century on his Test debut at Lord's on Saturday.

Ganguly, it should be said, was barely 15 years old at the time. He was in England with the Star Cricket Club of India, which a decade ago was founded by Gattani, a former first-class cricketer, in order to foster talent on the subcontinent. Its success can be gauged from the fact that five other players, Rahul Dravid, Ajay Jadhav, Vinod Kambli, Paras Mhambrey and Sachin Tendulkar have subsequently played Test cricket.

Another cricketer who has come to prominence is Anil Muzumdar, who has played for India A against England A and who made 260 on his debut for Bombay, which is a first-

Ivo Tennant on the club that discovered Sourav Ganguly, a century-maker on his debut at Lord's

class record. The club's ethos, though, has been not merely to give invaluable experience to talented teenagers, but to provide opportunities for those who might not otherwise have been able to improve themselves. P Munnuswamy, a 17-year-old who has been adopted by the Railways club, cannot even afford to buy himself an ice-cream.

The development of cricketers such as Tendulkar is fabled. This cannot always be understood at the venues at which the Star Club is playing on its tenth tour of England. At Marlow and the Old Whitgiftians ground, in Croydon, a batsman is reckoned to reach maturity at the age of 30. The Forty Club, who put out a team at the start of the Star Club's 4½-week tour, might even balk at that.

Gattani, 49, first saw Tendulkar but when he was 14. There was no doubting his talent. "I saw him and thought, I must take him to England."

The next year, he did. Kambli came at 15, Dravid when 17 and again at 18 and Jadhav when 17. At Marlow last week, the Star Club's under-17s beat an England under-19 XI, which highlighted the difference in development. In addition to the Test players that Gattani has nurtured, more than 50 other boys have made an impression in domestic cricket in India.

The tours have been supported by Schools Partnership Worldwide, an educational charity that has been advised by Mike Brearley, the former England captain. Various other sponsors have subsequently become involved. Gattani, who captained Rajasthan and coached in Durham and Scotland, was helped in his quest to discover talented boys through his job selling Mercedes cars in India. He travelled a great deal and began to "collect" players, as he puts it. "Unlike some Pakistanis, they had birth certificates." On their early

tours, the Star Club would play against public schools and Leeds University.

"We found we were winning these matches too easily and so started to ask for stronger fixtures, for example against county second XIs."

The likes of Tendulkar and Ganguly quickly made an impression. "Sourav had tremendous ability, but I told his father that his running between the wickets and his fielding were on the slow side. He came from a rich family and I had to push him to carry his own bags. But he has become a very good cricketer and I was delighted he did so well at Lord's," Gattani said.

A notable feature of the Star Club's touring party is that there is no one captain. The idea, Gattani said, is that several boys should have a turn to make them think like leaders. Raj Singhji, a former chairman of India's selectors, said that the boys have been given "a wealth of experience at such an early stage of their lives. Ganguly will not be the last member of the Star Club to score a century at the highest level in England, rest assured of that."

England women paying price for inactivity

By Sarah Potter

THE England women cricketers begin a three-match Test series against New Zealand today in Scarborough, less than a week after they were outplayed and overpowered in three one-day internationals.

This sudden burst of activity represents England's first competitive home cricket since the glorious, sun-baked World Cup final at Lord's in August 1993. There, against all the odds and in front of a large, patriotic crowd brimming with admiration, England lifted the cup in a style fitting of pilgrims. New Zealand do not need reminding that it was they who were left standing in the lengthening shadow of Father Time, pondering lost opportunity.

Not so now. The one-day series is already in the tourist bag and all the obvious frail-

ties belong to England. The question on home supporters' lips is: "Why?"

Lack of cricket is the main answer. No follow-up on the pitch has dried up eager media interest. The European Cup in Dublin last summer and the winter tour of India offered too little, too late. The players have been kept waiting in the pavilion and seven of the World Cup side have gone.

Most notable of the absentees is Jo Chamberlain. Her left-arm pace and lusty hitting, so striking in the women's game, is not easy to replace. Now married, she has, apparently, not retired but chosen to sit the season out. The strange timing of her decision hints at the depth of disillusionment.

At least the Women's Cricket Association is trying to stand up to the self-inflicted

bouncers of the past. Changes to structure and personnel have modernised attitudes and outlook. Barbara Daniels is the England vice-captain on the pitch and the association's new executive director. She will use all her enthusiasm to increase numbers playing the

game, but sponsorship will never be far from her thoughts. As it is, the jangle of small change sends a disappointed tingle up the spine of the sport. Tireless efforts to find a corporate sponsor for this series have drawn a blank. Money men offer goodwill but no hard cash. Had it not been for the £50,000 generated by the three-year television deal with Sky Sports, women's cricket would be out on a limb.

Ball-by-ball coverage of the recent internationals in Leicester and Durham should surely have generated more interest than it did. Shade and helmets mirrored fashions in the men's game but coloured clothing, complete with players' names, would have raised more than a disdainful eyebrow. Such radical moves might cause a grey hair or two among some

elderly pink-rinse traditionalists, but it is forward-thinking marketing that will turn heads in the distant future.

On the pitch, I suspect it will be Debbie Hockley, of New Zealand, who will catch the eye. If England are to have a chance in the series they must dismiss her quickly. Her nomination as player of the match in all three internationals last week testifies to that. A Hockley cover drive at Leicester broke one finger and dislocated another of Janette Brittin, the England opener.

The loss of Brittin could hardly have been worse, now 37 and still gracefully athletic, she remains the best England player. Like Hockley she is a special talent but is not expected to be fit until the third Test at Guildford. That will be the hundredth women's Test, a landmark England players wish had come sooner.



Brittin: misses Test

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BRITANNIA ASSURANCE county championship

Derbyshire v Middlesex

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 321 (C J Adams 125, K J Barnett 53, P C R Tunnill 5 for 72)

Middlesex: First Innings 188 (A J Harris 6 for 43)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-175

BOWLING: Frazer 13-1-55-1; Fay 25-8-84-1; Fotherby 18-1-75-0; Wiles 12-2-42-0; Tunnill 30-6-85-0; Rampersack 10-4-0; Gattling 4-0-25-0

Middlesex: First Innings 185 (A J Harris 6 for 43)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-46, 3-104, 4-121, 5-127, 6-151

BOWLING: Malcolm 15-3-53-1; Harris 12-3-29-3; Dean 7-2-30-1; DeFreitas 10-3-20-0; Boman 4-0-17-1

Bonus points: Derbyshire 7; Middlesex 4. Umpires: R Julian and B J Constant.

Durham v Surrey

STOCKTON (third day of tour; Surrey require 141 runs to beat Durham)

DURHAM: First Innings 377 (S L Campbell 59, S J E Brown 65, D G G Lignwood 56, J E Benjamin 4 for 80)

Surrey: First Innings 292

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-37, 3-40, 4-77, 5-81, 6-142, 7-168, 8-178, 9-201

BOWLING: M P Becknell 16-5-40-3; Lignwood 19-3-30-1; Pearson 15-4-42-1; Julian 12-5-38-3; Bancroft 2-0-12-0; Sharah 1-1-0-0; Butcher 1-0-6-0; Hollis 10-4-26-2

Surrey: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-45, 3-147, 4-147, 5-229, 6-248, 7-248, 8-251, 9-352

BOWLING: Cairns 20-1-62-2; Brown 13-4-12; Evans 18-4-8-30-5; Bates 16-2-62-0; Allford 19-4-62-1

Umpires: A Clarkson and D R Shephard

Somerset v Worcestershire

BATH (final day of tour; Worcestershire (20pts) beat Somerset (0) by one wicket)

SOMERSET: First Innings 285 (P D Bowler 112, R K Brenchard 5 for 40)

Worcestershire: First Innings 133 (J D Lewy 6 for 44)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-36, 3-58

BOWLING: Drake 8-3-29-0; Lewy 10-4-22-2; Giddins 7-0-17-1; Salisbury 8-0-28-0; Law 3-0-18-0

Sussex v Glamorgan

HOVE (third day of tour; Glamorgan, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, beat Sussex 256 (M V Penning 61, D R Brown 5 for 68, S M Pollock 4 for 60)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-107, 3-165, 4-202, 5-276, 6-324, 7-392, 8-445, 9-445

BOWLING: Caddick 36-3-151-4; Rose 25-6-80-1; Batty 26-5-78-1; Lee 11-0-65-1; Trump 12-1-55-0; Harbuz 2-0-3-0

Umpires: J D Bond and N T Plews

Warwickshire v Kent

EDGBASTON (third day of tour; Kent (22pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by 32 runs)

KENT: First Innings 256 (M V Penning 61, D R Brown 5 for 68, S M Pollock 4 for 60)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-36, 3-60, 4-61, 5-78, 6-99, 7-108, 8-130, 9-231

BOWLING: McCague 21-3-101-5; Headley 18-3-73-2; Edman 15-8-38-2; Preston 10-3-29-0; Fleming 0-4-0-1

Umpires: D Dudson and R A Whew.

Yorkshire v Leicestershire

BRADFORD (third day of tour; Yorkshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 179 runs to avoid an innings deficit against Leicestershire)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 861 for 7 wickets (J J Whitaker 218, V J Wells 200, P A Noon 77 not out, P V Simmons 68)

Yorkshire: First Innings 406

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-31, 3-130, 4-133, 5-134, 6-164, 7-336, 8-358, 9-400

BOWLING: Watson 31-7-78-2; Parlan 29-4-84-2; Thomas 28-2-4-121-5; Croft 32-4-75-1; Butcher 9-1-41-0

Bonus points: Sussex 3; Glamorgan 3; Warwickshire: A A Jones and P Willey

Leicestershire: First Innings 45

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-15, 3-61, 4-117, 5-150, 6-154, 7-229, 8-234, 9-283

BOWLING: Milnes 20-4-95-2; Parsons 21-7-33-4; Wells 16-9-27-1; Simmons 15-2-73-0; Brittin 14-2-57-3

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-47, 3-78, 4-142, 5-152

BOWLING: Milnes 12-3-44-2; Parsons 13-6-36-0; Pearson 18-6-30-2; Wells 8-2-26-0; Britton 4-0-20-1

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4; Leicestershire 0

Umpires: B J Meyer and K E Palmer

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Sussex wait for drugs test result

A SUSSEX player tested positive for drugs on Monday as the county remained under a cloud as the result of a Test and County Board (TCB) decision. The outcome of a match and sample accepted under the TCB procedure, which is a county championship against Kent at Wells that has been accepted. Although for various reasons, the player has not been named. The player, who is a medical professional, was interviewed through the assistance of the county's solicitor, Richard Sims. Sims said the player had been tested five years ago for a planation trial. The player, who is a medical professional, was interviewed through the assistance of the county's solicitor, Richard Sims. Sims said the player had been tested five years ago for a planation trial.

CRICKET: WARWICKSHIRE RECOVER FROM CHAMPIONSHIP DEFEAT TO CLAIM VICTORY IN SUNDAY LEAGUE

Pollock foils Kent's dual celebration

BY PAT GIBSON

Edgbaston (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Kent by eight runs

TABLE with columns W, L, D, NR, Pts and rows for various counties like Northants, Middlesex, Kent, etc.

matches at Edgbaston over the past four years, must have felt they were going to lay the bogey at last when they beat a Warwickshire side which has been ravaged by injuries to move to the head of the county championship...



Wren, the Kent bowler, bends his back to take the wicket of Ostler but his efforts were in vain as his side slumped to defeat yesterday

fully treated Angus Fraser and, more recently Dean Headley, about the worrying hip condition that has restricted him to only a couple of one-day appearances in recent weeks.

for him to play against Middlesex at Lord's on Thursday, and their wicketkeeper, Piper, who has a chipped bone at the back of his right hand.

who was soon opening his shoulders to crack Wren for boundaries on both sides of the wicket and had made 40 out of 53 in the first 13 overs when he looked for a single to mid-off that was hardly there and was run out by Ward's direct hit.

contained only two fours and a six but it came from just 38 balls and he had struck another six by the time he was caught at point. With Moles joining in with a few weighty blows, the last ten overs had produced 77 runs and that was decisive.

elsewhere, Gloucestershire gained their first Sunday league victory of the season yesterday, beating Nottinghamshire by 119 runs at Trent Bridge. This quite unexpected result could have a significant bearing on the competition.

Moody makes impressive use of good fortune



Moody: patient innings

BATH (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Somerset by seven wickets

TOM MOODY, not for the first time during his tenure as Worcestershire captain, played a key role yesterday as his county completed a highly satisfactory visit to Bath with a defeat of Somerset that maintained his side's interest in the AXA Equity & Law League.

contribution of the day, however, was to win the toss, enabling Worcestershire to bowl first and take advantage of a pitch on which run-scoring was an awkward and uncertain business, especially in the early stages.

of the match, Moody enjoyed considerable fortune. He benefited any number of times from snicks that would have gone to hand on other days.

themselves and missed the injured Harden and Bowler. Treweek, resuming his once vaunted opening partnership with Davidson, spent 16 overs making 22 runs, and Rose 19 overs for 32 but it required sensible batting from the tail to raise the total to the once unimagined riches of 150.

University match Cambridge University FENNERS (final day of Invest. Essex beat Essex: First innings 313 for 6 dec (S D Paterson 110, A J E Hildred 85)

Sussex wait for drugs test result

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A SUSSEX cricketer who has tested positive for drugs remained unidentified yesterday as the county club and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) awaited the outcome of a mandatory second sample.

Richard Stemp, the Yorkshire slow left-arm bowler, tested positive when playing for Worcestershire some five years ago but his explanation that someone had spiked his drinks at a party was subsequently accepted.

AXA Equity & Law League

Table of cricket scores for the AXA Equity & Law League, including matches like Derbyshire v Middlesex, Hampshire v Northamptonshire, etc.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Large table of cricket scores for various matches, including Warwickshire v Kent, Worcestershire v Somerset, and others.

Unbeaten record battered by Benjamin

BY IVO TENNANT

WINSTON BENJAMIN, whose career as a West Indies Test cricketer came to an ignominious end last summer when he was sent home to Antigua by the tour management, still has some cricket — and some pride — left in him.

Celebration put on ice by Smith's recovery

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

EXECUTIVES from DBS Financial Management turned up in sunny Cowes yesterday with a case of champagne for their Ultra 30 skipper, Russell Peters, in expectation of his third straight win in the four-mach grand prix series.

CLUB CRICKET

Table of club cricket scores from various regions like Bolton, Hertfordshire, and others.

Pressure points approach for Wimbledon favourites

TENNIS is unique in sport. No other ball game involving physical and mental stress brings the competitor into such exposed, intimate contact with the audience, for up to four hours or more. And Wimbledon is unique to tennis, the misleading gentility of grass giving a drawing-room ambience.

All great sport has a special theatrical drama: *Henry V* or *Cinderella* without knowing the outcome in advance. Seldom before has Wimbledon had, as this year, a cast of famous faces almost all of whom are worried by the uncertainties or vulnerabilities of personal grief, private intrigue, prolonged injury, advancing years or fickle form.

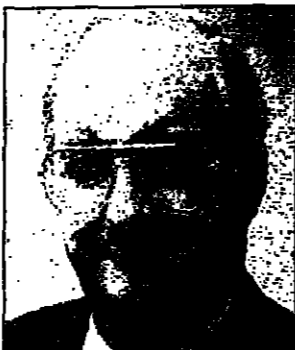
Last week Thomas Muster withdrew after aggravating a thigh injury playing in a tournament in Halle, Germany. Earlier, however, Muster had made clear his resentment that his clay-court

status was ignored by the All England Club committee, and rightly so, when making him only the No 7 seed. He should be reminded that Manuel Santana, Bjorn Borg and Andre Agassi have somehow managed to play at Wimbledon from the baseline.

Yet what of Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, Agassi himself, Stefan Edberg, Goran Ivanisevic, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Michael Stich, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles? One doubt or another surrounds the nine most conspicuous players and, from midday today, their every move will be scrutinised as at no other time of the year. The rewards may be huge, but few people live their life in surroundings of such unrelenting judgment.

Sampras opens on Centre Court against his compatriot, Richey Reneberg. Beneath his outwardly level temperament lies a confusing sensitivity. As he attempts to win a fourth

DAVID MILLER



Wimbledon prospects

successive title, the inner turmoil from the death of his friend and coach, Tim Gullikson is an imponderable factor that may undermine his endurance. Few great sportsmen are impersonal automa-

toms and the human side of Sampras may now be at odds with his professionalism.

He slumped from physical fatigue in the French Open, and though his defeat in an exhibition tournament on Saturday is of little account, we cannot know the state of his mind. Time will reveal it, but Reneberg, Mark Philippoussis, the young Australian, and Ivanisevic lie in wait to exploit any frailty.

Becker, at 28, is a veteran among the young brigade of big-hitters. Seven times in 11 years he has been in the final, winning three of them, and the menace of his serve-and-volley game was seen to be undiminished when he won at Queen's. An unusually measured man, who has made a success of a controversial mixed-race marriage, Becker finds Wimbledon an annual stimulus, his *raison d'être* and the No 2 seed will be hard to halt. He opens today against

Jean-Philippe Fleurian, of France, but can he last the pace?

Agassi, who is third on No 2 Court against his compatriot, Ken Flach, is an unknown quantity. Short of practice this year on any surface, too involved in commercial activity away from the court, he was exposed in Paris and must be unlikely to have the stamina to justify his No 3 seeding. There is the unmistakable feeling he has written off this year, over-endowed with fame if not pride.

Public loyalty will burn brightly for Edberg, saying farewell to the game at 30—a man whose deportment is at the opposite end of the spectrum from Agassi. He rediscovered his touch to reach the final of the Stella Artois tournament, but it is probably expecting too much for him to make a fourth final on his swansong. His match today against the left-handed Guy



Sampras: inner turmoil

Forget is an unsparing start. Whatever the outcome, Edberg has been an enduring illustration of exemplary sportsmanship. A nice guy who won.

mer coach with whom he has renewed contact during his Indian summer, said yesterday: "If Stefan is going to do anything, he has to be ready first time out. A few years ago, you could keep a bit in the bank for the later rounds, but with the standard of the game as it is today, you have to be ready for anything from the start. I think he is."

Ivanisevic, a whimsical, whirlwind Croatian who has already been a losing finalist twice, and Kafelnikov, the new French champion, are both potential winners for whom, one suspects, the future lies as much in their head as in their racket. Kafelnikov can play all surfaces and is very much the man of the moment; certainly one to watch. Ivanisevic opens against Bernd Karbacher, of Germany, on No 1 Court.

Graf, joyfully triumphant in Paris, continues with the mammoth trauma of her father's impending trial on

taxation fraud and the need to put this at the back of her mind when on court. Having done so magnificently in the French Open, there is no reason why she should not do so again now, on her favourite grass surface... unless that reason is Seles.

Seles has her own trauma, though different and now receding, of personal injury, yet the talent with which she threatened to surpass Graf—a talent which precipitated the attack upon her—is once more in full flood. Allowing for doubt about her service shoulder, there is the sneaking feeling that she will be the one this year to lift the women's plate.

Although Seles hit a bad day in the quarter-finals in Paris, there is no doubting that her appetite is there, as has been apparent in the past few days. One senses a desire to prove herself all over again, and in that mood, who can stop her?

TENNIS: PRINCIPAL RIVAL TIPS GRAF TO LIFT WIMBLEDON CROWN AGAIN AFTER EASTBOURNE VICTORY

Seles keeps her prospects in perspective

Alix Ramsay finds a returning superstar still in guarded mood

IF MONICA Seles were a betting woman, she would put her five on Steffi Graf to win Wimbledon. Not that she is a betting woman. Looking into the future and wondering what could or what might be is not to her taste. It never really was, and since April 30, 1993, it never will be.

That was the day Günther Parche stabbed her in the back during a match in Hamburg and the day her life ground to a halt. At the time she was the dominant force in women's tennis. In the previous two years she had won seven of the eight grand-slam tournaments she had appeared in, only Wimbledon and its treacherous grass courts de-

feated her. While the wound took a few weeks to heal, Seles's confidence took far longer to mend. For nearly 2½ years she stayed at home and wondered if she could ever return to the peculiar life tennis players call normality.

"Deep down I knew I would be back because I loved the game so much," she said. "I didn't want to leave the game on those terms. I had worked my whole life to play tennis and I didn't want always to remember Hamburg, that this was my last game, the end of my whole career."

It is easy to forget that her "whole career" at that point was only 4½ years. She was 19 at the time of the attack, but had already won more than 30 titles, including three French Opens, three Australian Opens and two US Opens. It was a lot to live up to when she came back and the road back to the top has been painful. Parche stabbed her in the left shoulder and a separate shoulder injury has limited her to just four tournaments since the end of January.

"I think it comes from being dropped back in at 100 per cent speed, I never had the chance to start slowly," she said. "I've been surprised at how well I have done, especially in the grand slams, but I haven't played as much as would have liked. It's been good so far, there have been some great days in there but some have been really frustrating because of the injuries. I was just so eager to be playing again, you just have that excitement flowing in you."

Her game was never that complicated. Double-fisted off both flanks, she clubbed the ball, and her opponent, into submission. What set her apart were her powers of concentration, her vice-like grip on her mind. That is the hardest thing to recapture. The response of the crowds has been a help—"It reassured me I had made the right decision to come back"—and a hindrance. They adore her and, in return, Seles loves them, but that in itself can be a distraction. "Sometimes I have to tell myself just to focus on the ball and not to enjoy the crowd so much". Then there are the memories.

"After this thing happened to me, to go back to the chair on the court, to deal with it every day for however long I chose to play. And with the person not ever being punished for it, I mean... And then she stops. Seles always was, and still is, an impressive talker. Taking notes as she speaks is hopeless, she quotes come flying at you like bullets from a machine gun. Until, that is, we come back to the events in Hamburg and then even Seles slows down.

Seles feels her time away from tennis has taught her a few home truths, and she feels she has changed. "When I was away I had a different life and I realised how sheltered our life is in tennis," she said. "At every tournament there are people to do everything for you. When I go home I still have to make my own bed and do the dishes. It is so much nicer to be in a hotel and have things done for you, it's a treat. But in our life, I think we have to be careful that we stay normal and I think some players have gone over that line."

Her return to the tour was greeted officially with joy and relief, but in the locker room there are still petty resentments. These days, she shrugs them off: "People forget tennis is just a game and that we are lucky to be doing something we love." Learning



Seles smiles as she clutches the first grass-court prize of her career, the Direct Line Insurance trophy, at Eastbourne

to trust people again is difficult too. "But then there is a point where you just have to live life," she said. "To live in the present is the hardest part of it. We all want to think about the future, where will I be one year from now, will it be secure—you never actually are in the present."

The here and now for the next two weeks will be Wimbledon. She tips Graf for victory and, although she has only played at Wimbledon three times, she still feels it is special. Martina Navratilova's last final in 1994 was the first and last match she watched during her absence. "I wanted her to win so much, but I guess some things don't have story-book endings." Maybe in Seles's case it might be different.



TODAY WITH THE TIMES
A 16-page Wimbledon supplement with the draw, guide to the seeds and the chance to win a VIP trip to the women's final

Déjà vu for tired Fernandez

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE first set was finished in 18 minutes as Seles allowed Fernandez a paltry five points. The first of those came in the third game and signalled the return of the Seles grunt. If Fernandez was determined to win a point or two, Seles was equally determined to stop her. Things got a little better in the second set as Seles relaxed and Fernandez kept her guessing with the occasional drop shot. But, once they had exchanged breaks of serve, it was business as usual for Seles.

As the Eastbourne week progressed, so Seles had progressed with it, hitting the ball harder and harder and with greater accuracy. By the time she faced Fernandez, she looked more like the Seles we used to know, if a little larger around the midriff. "It was like déjà vu for me," Fernandez said. "I've lost numerous

sets to her 6-0 and this was just like the old days. If she's timing the ball well, there's not much you can do about it."

Seles claims not to remember how she was playing on her last appearance at Wimbledon four years ago. She knows she is playing pretty well and she is planning to ask Martina Navratilova for a few hints on how to be even better. "She tells me to come in to the net more, but I don't have the nerve," she said. No doubt the leading ladies of Wimbledon are hoping it stays that way.

SEEDINGS: Men: 1. P Sampras (US); 2. B Becker (Ger); 3. A Agassi (US); 4. G Ivanisevic (Cro); 5. Y Kafelnikov (Rus); 6. M Rusedjodjo (Ind); 7. S Edberg (Swe); 8. T Enqvist (Swe); 10. M Stich (Ger); 11. W Ferreira (SA); 12. S Ljubicic (Cro); 13. T Matsui (Jap); 14. M Rosset (Swe); 15. J Baccantini (ITA); 16. C Panatta (ITA); 17. R Krajcik (Hol); Women: 1. S Graf (Ger); 2. M Seles (US); 3. C Martinez (Sp); 4. A Sanchez-Vizcaino (Sp); 5. J Lubber (Ger); 6. J Novotna (Cz); 7. C Rubin (US); 8. L Davenport (US); 9. M J Fernandez (US); 10. M Riondo (Arg); 11. B Schett (Aust); 12. K Date (Jap); 13. M Parrot (Fr); 14. A Coetzee (SA); 15. S Lohman (Ger); 16. M King (Swe); 17. N Godwin (SA); 18. C Carati (It); 19. E Makarova (Rus); 20. M K Stadenkova (Slo); 21. M Joyce (GB); 22. A Gaudenzi (It); 23. K Novak (Cz); 24. M Navarra (It); 25. D Rild (Cz).

TELEVISION: BBC1: 1.50-5.30pm (with cricket); 10.10-11.10pm (night); BBC2: 12.35-5pm (with cricket); 5.30pm (with cricket).

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

- CENTRE COURT: P SAMPRAS (US) v R Reneberg (US); Miss A Grossman (US) v Miss M Seles (US); S EDBERG (Swe) v G Forget (Fr)
- COURT ONE: J Fleurian (Fr) v B Becker (Ger); Miss M Hartwig (Ger) v Miss S Fanta (It); G IVANISEVIC (Cro) v B Karbacher (Ger)
- COURT TWO: A Costa (Sp) v M CHANG (US); Miss S Smith (GB) v Miss I Sprules (Aust); D Flach (US) v A AGASSI (US); T MARTIN (US) v M Ondruska (SA)
- COURT THREE: Miss K Nagatsuma (Japan) v Miss K Date (Japan); J COURIER (US) v J Stark (US); Miss M PIERCE (Fr) v Miss P Schnyder (Swe); J Kozulic (Ser) v A Foster (GB)
- COURT FOUR: M Gustafsson (Swe) v A He (Aust); Miss L McNeil (US) v Miss L Goloss (U); C Wilkinson (GB) v A Jarry (Swe); Miss I Gorochategui (Arg) v Miss A Schett (Aust)
- COURT FIVE: T Woodbridge (Aus) v S Huel (Fr); Miss J Ward (GB) v Miss C Taylor (GB); C Boacher (GB) v N Gould (GB); Miss P Kamstra (Hol) v Miss N Tausat (Fr)
- COURT SIX: D Wheaton (US) v F Faltersleben (Den); Miss N Sawamatsu (Japan) v Miss N Kijimuta (Japan); R Furian (It) v A Machvedev (Ukr); L Marita (Swe) v A Volkov (Rus)
- COURT SEVEN: Miss F Perotti (It) v Miss M Sanchez-Lopez (Sp); F Fowell (GB) v Miss M Washington (US); Miss M Erko (Jap) v Miss M McGrath (US); O Ogorodov (Uzb) v M Dettin (Cz)
- COURT EIGHT: F Mantilla (Sp) v P Haurhus (Hol); Miss N Miyagi (Jap) v Miss S Appelmanns (Bel); F Dowell (GB) v V Spasova (US); Miss D van Rooij (Bel) v Miss M Drake (Can)
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Sampras suffers Wimbledon setback

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETE SAMPRAS suffered a surprise straight-sets defeat by his fellow American, MattIai Washington, on Saturday, only two days before starting his quest for a fourth successive Wimbledon title.

His 7-5, 6-2 defeat in the Quintus Cup final at Hurlingham is bound to raise further question-marks against the Wimbledon top seed. Earlier this month he pulled out of the Stella Artois Championships to rest, citing as the reason "physical and mental exhaustion" after the death of his friend and coach, Tim Gullikson.

Sampras, 24, who begins his Wimbledon defence

against another American, Richey Reneberg, appeared to drop down a gear after losing a hard-fought first set to Washington.

The qualifier, Niklas Kulti, of Sweden, defeated Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, in the final of the Halle Open grass-court tournament in Germany.

Kulti, 25, who had been plagued by a foot injury over the past year, needed two hours and three minutes to win 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 against the 22-year-old Russian.

Top seed Alberto Costa, of Spain, accused his opponent of bad sportsmanship after being beaten 6-3, 6-4 by compatriot Alberto Berasategui in the final of the Bologna men's

tournament in Italy. Costa had battled back from 0-3 to 2-3 in the first set and was one shot away from leveling the set when the umpire called his shot long.

"I was expecting that Alberto himself would rectify the decision, but he did not say anything," Costa said.

Jan Siemerink overcame gusting wind as well as his opponent to win the Nottingham Open tournament in just

under 90 minutes on Saturday.

The fifth-seeded Dutchman claimed the £27,922 top prize with a 6-3, 7-6 win over unseeded Sandor Stolle, of Australia.

Anke Huber, of Germany, won her first grass-court title when she beat Czech Helena Sukova 6-3, 7-6 in the final of the women's tournament at Rosmalen, Holland, on Saturday.

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GOLF: SUPERIOR PLANNING BEHIND GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND'S CURTIS CUP VICTORY

Short-game skills no longer an American preserve

WHO would have thought, after years of indoctrination that golfers from these shores were not skilful enough around and on the green, that it should have been this very aspect of the game that underpinned Great Britain and Ireland's comfortable victory in the Curtis Cup?



JOHN HOPKINS Golf Correspondent

"another pair of eyes" can be ranked as a perfect example of British understatement. It was striking how similarly correct in technique many of the players were. In Great Britain and Ireland's case this is due to an enlightened policy towards coaching by the Ladies Golf Union (LGU) and regional and national golf unions. It is difficult for a promising youngster to reach 18 without having had the benefit of a significant amount of free tuition.



Moodie hails the successful birdie putt on the 16th green that clinched a win by 3 and 2 in the foursomes for herself and McKay over Booth and Ingram

Blooming Rose a thorn in United States' side

The name is Rose, Alison Rose. The self-effacing bank official from Stirling will never announce herself with the arrogance of Sean Connery playing James Bond — after all, the Bank of Scotland is not the secret service — but in Curtis Cup circles, from now on hers is a name that will command total respect.

mates revelled in the occasion. Rose won all four of her matches and her demolition of Ellen Port in the singles on Saturday afternoon ensured that Great Britain and Ireland defeated the United States for the third time in the past five matches to retain the cup.

Patricia Davies on a famous victory for Great Britain and Ireland's amateurs

en, saw off the opposition when Moodie holed an outrageous 50-foot putt on the 16th green. Moodie, the heroine of Chattanooga two years ago when she won the final match in spectacular style, was again the "anchorwoman", but her victory over Kuehne was less vital because Rose and Elaine Ratcliffe, from Cheshire, another unbeaten on her debut, had secured the overall win some time before.

and Rose, who joined Trish Johnson as the only other British and Irish player to win all four games in a Curtis Cup — could scarcely have contributed more.

Julie Hall, the British champion, lost all four of her matches but retired on a high note. In her fifth consecutive appearance, it was the team's third win, with one match halved and only one lost. Hall and Lisa Educate, who was also pointless, helped establish the standard of excellence that has made GB & I more than a match for the US of A and set off a night of celebration in Killarney.

Davies wins the Wembley way

LAURA DAVIES, of Britain, was in a carefree mood as she cruised to her 23rd European Tour victory with a closing round of 68 to retain the Evian Masters title in France on Saturday.

her golf bag to follow England's progress at Wembley. Birdies at two of the first four holes coming home left the chasing pack playing for second place which Koch, second in Minnesota, clinched with an early round of 70.



Davies: carefree mood

Farry reigns over short distance

A WEEKEND of torrential rain proved too much for the St Eracht course in Munich to absorb yesterday, and by 3.50, Mike Stewart, the tournament director of the BMW International Open, was forced to cancel the third round and the rest of the event (Mel Webb writes). It left Marc Farry, of France, the winner with a 36-hole total of 132, 12 under par.

Farry finished two strokes ahead of Richard Green and three ahead of Russell Claydon, Padraig Harrington and David Higgins. "Saturday's rain was unfortunate in that it left only four tees and one green unplayable, but the fact that we had to call the day's play off prematurely put tremendous pressure on us today," Stewart said.

before, but my record in four rounds is not excellent," he said. "It would have been nice to have proved to my peers that I could win over 72 holes. But a win is a win: it's like a dream come true."

HOCKEY

Britain cut down to size

GREAT Britain had little time to bask in reflected glory when the four-nations hockey tournament for the NCM Trophy ended in Amsterdam yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). After a morale boosting 1-0 victory over Pakistan on the previous day, they lost 3-0 to the same team in the play-off for third place. The tournament was won by Holland, who defeated Germany 2-0 in the final.

RUGBY UNION: COMMITMENT NOT ENOUGH TO IMPRESS GIANTS OF SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Scotland must learn lessons

THE Scotland squad arrives back in Edinburgh this morning at the end of its fourth tour to New Zealand full of missionary zeal, knowing, after losing both internationals, that the domestic game must radically change. To a large extent, it is the squad's responsibility to ensure that the lessons learnt on this tour, which ended at Eden Park on Saturday, are not ignored.

Saracens

net Bracken

KYRAN BRACKEN, the England scrum half, will be playing alongside Philippe Sella and Michael Lynagh, the France and Australia internationals, for Saracens next season. Bracken has left Bristol after failing to meet a deadline, set by the club, to sign a one-year contract after verbally agreeing a couple of weeks ago, and chose Saracens after also speaking to representatives of Bath.

Forward frailties put Wales under pressure

Packer lifts Queen's Cup

THE high-goal, Alfred Dunhill-sponsored Queen's Cup, the Guards Polo Club's premier trophy, was won at Smith's Lawn yesterday by Kerry Packer's squad. Ellerston White, with an 8-6 victory against Alcatel, put together by the Canadian player, John-Wilham Mancini (John Watson writes).

POLO

Packer lifts Queen's Cup

Both sides were built around South American duos, Xavier Novillo and Gonzalo Pieres, for Ellerston, and Pizzi Alberdi and Gabriel Donoso, for Alcatel. Ellerston's partnership had the edge throughout. They also had a sharp Englishman at one, Julian Daniels, who contributed three goals.

Leeds rewarded for return to manual labour

Leeds 25 Castleford Tigers 18

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DEAN BELL was like the inveterate gambler who had stuck on black until it finally came up. "We won!" the Leeds coach exclaimed to reporters who are used to seeing him with his pockets empty and jaw hanging.

Hopes and Jol with At

Leeds by inadequate defending that allowed Flynn to squeeze in between Holroyd and Golden, and saw Fairmaid and Kemp flap hopelessly at Chapman, Castleford's second try-scorer, was partly repaired by McDermott's unstoppable charge on half-time. McDermott can be his own worst enemy, but the big prop kept himself in check and his side motoring forward. The pack grew in stature, and with the appearances from the substitutes' bench of an admirable trio in Shaw, Mercer and Fozzard, laid the attacking platform in the second period.

Slick Keighley justify promotion thrust

Keighley Cougars 42 Rochdale Hornets 12

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

REMEMBER Keighley Cougars? They won the second division last year, only for promotion to be denied them by the advent of a pared-down elite in the new Super League.

Rand races away with British title

a pair with two others. In terms of pre-match entertainment, the majority could take a leaf out of Keighley's book. Injuries have hindered progress all season, but with his firm fully fit side, Phil Larder, the Keighley and England coach, was content at the way his backs tore open a compliant Rochdale with eight tries. Sterling defence frustrated Rochdale until Sharp and Pitt exploited gaps near the end of the match. The visitors had Agar set off as tempers frayed, which compounded their problems. Relegation to the second division faces them after only one win.

ourites

John Goodbody on one of the singular success stories of sport. Running is slimming and clears the mir.

Chasing the real 'feel-good' factor

It is one of the unsung success stories of British sport. On July 10, international athletes, keep-fit fanatics, ambitious joggers and people who just fancy a pleasant run in lovely surroundings will be pounding twice round Battersea Park, London, in the Chase Corporate Challenge.

The record entry of 8,000 on the sunlit evening of July 1995 seems likely to be surpassed, as almost 500 companies will field teams in an event that this year celebrates its 20th anniversary. Some companies will have just a handful of runners, others may try to do Morgan Stanley, which last year fielded 254 employees, a turnout which seemed to include everyone in the bank.

The idea of the Corporate Challenge began in 1977 in New York. The late Fred Lebow, the man who did so much to promote the American jogging boom, and the New York marathon in particular, persuaded Charles McCabe from Manufacturers Hanover Trust to back a race in Central Park. The length of the event was decided in an unusual way. Lebow and McCabe measured the distance they had walked while discussing the idea. It was 3½ miles and this has developed as the standard course round the world.

The event attracts young and old, male and female. It is a festival of fitness and the wide range of categories has meant that companies can challenge rivals in related areas of business and commerce.

For some people, such as John Mayo, of Zeneca Group plc, the Corporate Challenge gives a focus to his three weekly running sessions and is also "just a lot of enjoyment. It is half way between a fun-run and a really serious race. It is also good for our company. In fact half of the people in our head office take part."

As the finance director of the



pharmaceutical and agro-chemical company, he finds he needs regular running to clear his head before a day's work. Often, he says, he will have "sorted out" two or three problems in his mind while out exercising.

John says that he feels "more energised" on the days when business allows him to take time out for an early morning session in Hyde Park. "I just wish I had started running when I was 25. During my early thirties, like many people, the work load increased and I got out of the habit of exercising."

Now 40, he has lost 20 pounds over the past three years and is now down to 11 stone 7lbs. "I have a reasonably disciplined approach to running - that and a wonderful secretary who limits breakfast meetings to Tuesdays and Thursdays, which are my non-running days. "When I am abroad on business, I always take my kit and can do my sightseeing on the run early in the morning. It is not a religion. It is a discipline."

He says: "I do not find that my appetite is any the less when I am running, although I find it quite easy to go through to lunchtime after an early-morning session. Most of the time I eat what I want

to and I certainly don't eat tiny meals."

Another competitor who originally began exercising to lose weight is Jackie Coulson, a part-time clerk with Barclaycard in Northampton. She astonished herself last year by not only being a member of the Barclays Bank team, which won the women's team event, but also by being the second woman home in the Chemical Bank Corporate Challenge in New York.

This year, with the merger of Chemical Banking Corporation and the Chase Manhattan Corporation, the final will have even greater status and will take place in New York on October 5. The men's, women's and mixed teams who have done best in the London race will be invited to participate in New York. So will the top teams from the other 14 cities which are staging the marathon this year, bringing the total number of participants to 131,000.

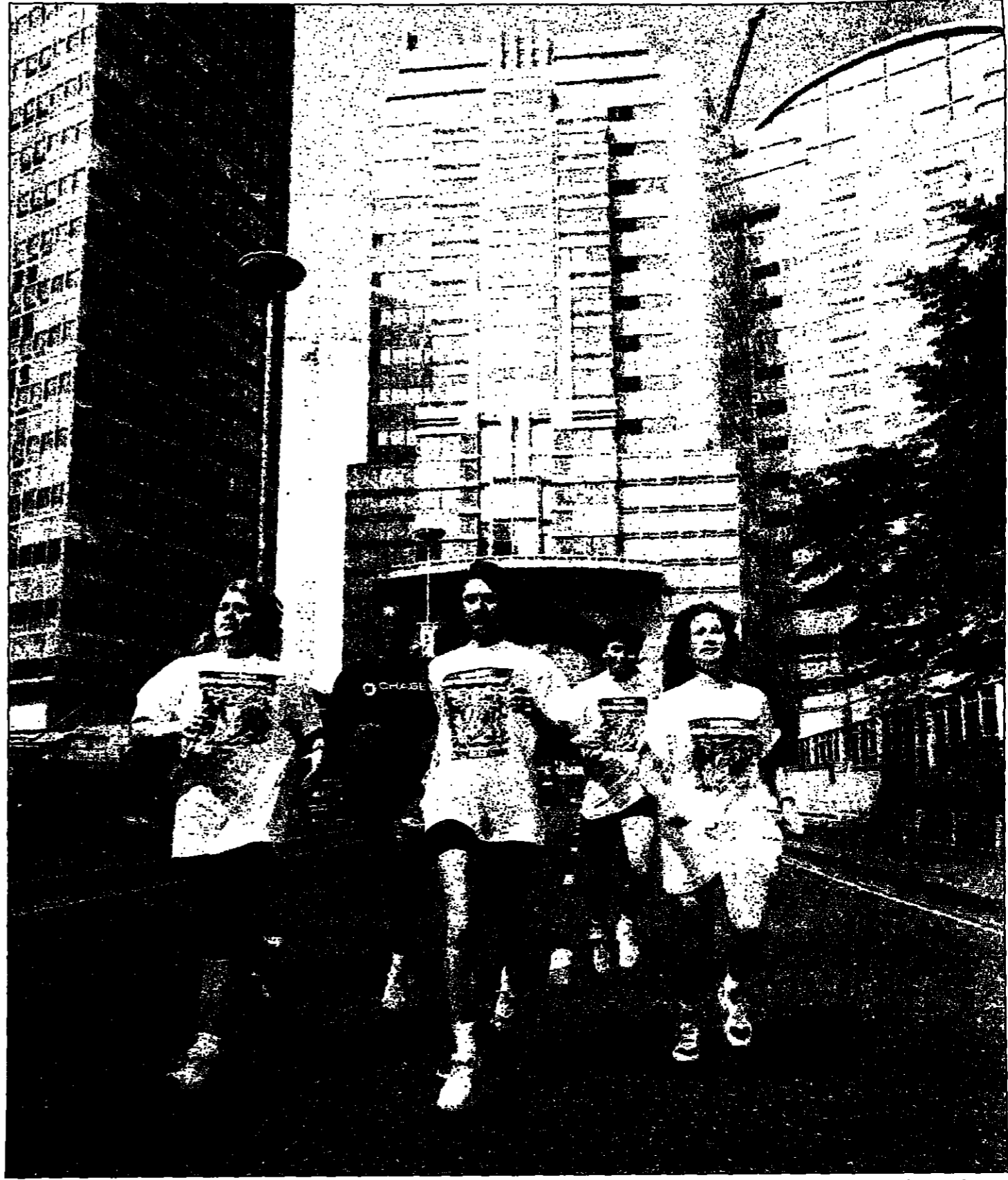
Jackie, 34, began running eight years ago because she had put on weight after having the first two of her three children. She had sprinted as a teenager, "but after leaving school, I never did any more sport. When there is a chance not to do something, you don't do it."

She originally thought about trying aerobic classes. "But we were a bit pushed for cash at the time and so running was cheaper." When she started entering races, she surprised herself on just how well she did. "When you are on your own, you never think you are that good."

She often trains twice a day, beginning every morning with a one-hour jog, while her husband, Richard, gets the children's breakfast. "He is excellent. I could not do anything without him" before leaving for his job as an engineer. The children are then ferried to school or to a child-minder. The logistics are exhausting before the working day has even begun.

She has a further session most days, sometimes with Lita Hickey, a Barclays Bank team mate, and husband, Dave, who has encouraged her to develop her speedwork. She prefers longer distances, and finished the 1995 London Marathon in 2 hours 59 minutes.

Does she dislike getting up at 6am to run on freezing February mornings? "No, it doesn't bother me. What I dislike is the speedwork. I don't really warm up until I have done at least five miles. The 3½ miles in the Corporate Challenge is so explosive - you have just got to go for it."



Chase employees pounding the City streets in training for the Chase Corporate Challenge marathon in Battersea Park on July 10

COMPETING IN COMPANY

COMPANIES can enter an unlimited number of runners at all levels of ability. All runners note their own individual times at the finish and give their results to their company captain. Officials use closed-circuit TV to check all running times. Any falsification will lead to the company's disqualification.

The captains then study the running times and decide which runner will represent which company team. There are five men in a men's team, three

women in a women's team and two men and two women in a mixed team. Each runner may be placed in one team only.

Entry forms contact London Marathon, 0171-620 4117. Entries must be in by noon, July 1, 1996.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In my column published on May 21 described a hand in which Howard Cohen made an early claim of a contract. The claim was entirely valid, but based on a far-seeing analysis of a squeeze ending. I made a jokey remark to the effect that it might have been better manners just to play it out. Unfortunately it came across as though I disapproved of the claim. Far from it - anytime you have a straightforward line it is polite to claim (or concede). The only point about the particular hand is that it might have been quicker to play it out, as explaining the claim was quite complicated.

Here is an example of a hand on which whether to concede would depend on the standard of the opposition.

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: King of clubs

South opens Four Spades and all pass. West leads the king of clubs, and continues with a low club to the ace, ruffed by South. South leads the king of spades to the ace. East switches to the jack of diamonds and West takes the ace and attempts to cash a second round, but South ruffs.

In a good-quality game it would be bad manners for South to play any more cards. He should just concede one off. This is because both defenders know declarer has no more cards in either minor, so obviously will keep hearts - playing off the trumps to come down to a K 3 of hearts does nothing but waste time. But it's more problematic in a weaker game - the defenders may not have

taken the point about the hearts, and so an unwary West may discard one on the run of the spades. So I suppose under those circumstances it is reasonable to play it out.

By the way, the correct procedure in making a claim is to lay down your hand, state clearly your line of play, and wait for the defenders to agree. Some top tournament players forget that last part - they briefly flash their cards at the opponents and put them back in the board, and then express scorn when asked to show them again. That certainly is bad manners.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Russian rout

Anatoly Karpov, the defending Fide champion, is subjecting his young opponent, grandmaster Gata Kamsky, to a harrying rout in their match in Elista, the capital of the autonomous Russian republic of Kalmykia. Game eight ended in a hard fought draw, while game nine saw Karpov's fifth victory out of a mere nine games. Kamsky repeated the Grandfield Defence, which has been his mainstay so far but after a sharp opening he indulged in an over-optimistic queen sacrifice with his 21st move. Instead, 21... Qb6 would have maintained approximate equality.

Having sacrificed his queen for rook, bishop and a dangerous-looking passed pawn, Kamsky's chances did not, in fact, appear inferior. However, Karpov quickly established a blockade of the black pawn and, as if discouraged by this turn of events, Kamsky's play disintegrated between moves 27 and 34. In the final position Black has been totally crushed and White even enjoys the spectacular threat of 42 Qh8-Kxh8-43 Rf8 checkmate.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Gata Kamsky
Fide world championship
Elista, Game 9, June 1996

Grandfield Defence

1 d4	N6
2 c4	g6
3 Nc3	g5
4 Nf3	Bg7
5 Qc3	0-0
6 Qc4	0-0
7 e4	a6
8 e5	b5
9 Qb3	Nc7
10 Be3	c5
11 a5	0-0
12 e4+	Nd7
13 Qd1	Nb6
14 Ne5	Rf8
15 a4	b4
16 a5	ba3
17 f6	0-0
18 Bc2	Kf8
19 Rb1	Qb6

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Martell Trophy

Tomorrow night at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London, the final of the Martell Trophy, for London clubs, will be contested between the RAC (first team) and the team from the BBC. Spectators are welcome.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

How I flew a half-Cuban in a Soviet fighter

An air show next month will open up flying to all



A Yakovlev II Soviet fighter owned by Mark Jefferies, the 1994 British aerobatic champion

More than 1,200 pilots from all over Britain will descend on an airfield near Bedford next month for an airshow which enthusiasts hope will help aviation to shrug off its image as a preserve of the rich.

The Popular Flying Association's fiftieth anniversary rally at Cranfield is expected to draw crowds of more than 25,000 to watch vintage, home-made and modern aircraft swarm onto the airfield.

Among the 30 or so aerobatic pilots who will perform displays at the show will be Mark Jefferies, the British aerobatic champion of 1994.

When Jefferies flies, the rules - and his late 1940s Yakovlev II Soviet fighter - are turned on their heads. Last month he became the first Westerner to take part in an airshow at a Soviet-era military base in the former East Germany. As we approached the airfield at Wriezen, near the German-Polish border, he climbed to 5,000ft and then swung the Yak's nose at the ground. At about 30ft from the deck he pulled straight and level, sweeping past at more than 330 knots the people waiting to welcome him. He then did two tight rolls and soared skyward to twist his way through a manoeuvre called a half-Cuban.

"I just strap the aeroplane to myself and point it where I want to go," he says. His wife, Cathy, has no fears for his safety, he says, though he feels a "twinge of awareness" now that he has his one-year-old daughter, Jasmine, to think about. "I also get worried when someone experienced has an accident," he adds.

When Jefferies flew to Germany he took me along for the ride to gain a taste of the topsy-turvy world of aerobatics. His unorthodox air-

field approaches have the blessing of air traffic controllers. As the 1994 champion he was fitted on route by being asked to perform a low pass at Calais. And at Munster Osnabrück, where we refuelled, the controllers waved excitedly, then waived their landing fee in exchange for a glimpse of his skills on the way out.

Jefferies, who imports Yaks from the former Soviet Union, restores them at his home in Little Gransden, Cambridgeshire, then sells them to enthusiasts. On this journey he was almost forced to abort his trip. The aerobatic nearly turned back when unexpectedly atrocious weather over south-east England threatened to block our route. Jefferies was forced to squeeze the aircraft into a slither of space between land and low-

ering cloud. With no oxygen on board we may not have been able to fly high enough to clear the tops of the menacing cumulonimbus clouds.

"I saw a glimmer of light in a valley and flew towards it," Jefferies said. Seconds later, through the gloom, the white cliffs of Dover fell away behind us and we had a precious few extra feet to play with. Nonetheless after crossing the coastline Jefferies flew even closer to the ground and the altimeter in the rear cockpit, which I had not reset since leaving Gransden, nibbled zero. In fact, we were flying at about 200ft.

Five straps fasten you to the wooden seat and it is a draughty, noisy but exhilarating ride. We made the journey from Cambridgeshire to Germany in three hours.

As a student pilot, the most unusual attitude I had experienced until then was steep turns and nosedown when practising stalls. I had always expected the sensation inside an aircraft performing aerobatics to be something akin to a roller coaster ride, perhaps with more G-force.

It was a surprise to find the reality far gentler. When Jefferies swung into a mini routine, earth and sky lost their customary stability but the aircraft felt as if it was barely moving. It was the horizon which suddenly became drunk, lurching ludicrously above, behind and sideways.

It is hoped that such gravity-defying exploits will be particularly inspiring to children at the Cranfield airshow which takes place from Friday, July 5 to Sunday, July 7.

The PFA runs the British arm of an American-led campaign to give one million children up to the age of 16 a chance to fly in a light aircraft by the year 2003 - the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight. The Young Eagles Scheme involves volunteer pilots offering the flights on a first-come, first-served basis.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ADIPSON
a. The letter D
b. A drink
c. To the same thing

BASHAW
a. A dead leaf
b. A Turkish nob
c. A Shavian scholar

BOANTHROPY
a. Love of cows
b. Mad cow disease
c. Thinking one is a cow

BOURG
a. Gout
b. A breakfast town
c. A market town

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This week I will be concentrating on positions by Anatoly Karpov, the defending Fide champion and his challenger Gata Kamsky. Their match for the Fide world championship started on June 6. White to play. This position is from the game Kamsky - Short Candidates, Linares (last). White is the exchange (rook for minor piece) ahead in this position, but the exact material could make it difficult for him to realize his advantage. However, he solved this potential difficulty with a tactical stroke. How did he continue?

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FACT FILE

ENTRY to the Cranfield Airshow costs from £5 for Popular Flying Association (PFA) members coming by plane, to £34 for three days for non-members arriving by road. £18 per day for non-members. Children under 16 free. For more information contact Anthony Preston, Popular Flying Association, Terminal Building, Shoreham Airport, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5FF, or contact the PFA at the show. Annual PFA fees are £32, full membership; £42 for families; £21, senior citizens.

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Logan of Scotland, slips through the tackle of Wilson of New Zealand, during their international match at Eden Park, in Auckland. New Zealand won the match 36-12. Report: page 36. Photograph: Nigel Marple.

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Reports and scores from various cricket matches.

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Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Table of equity prices for various sectors including Alcoholic Beverages, Banks, Breweries, Pubs & Rest, Building & Construct, Building Materials, Chemicals, and Distributors.

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Advertisement for First Direct bank, featuring the slogan 'I don't have to get dressed to go to my bank' and contact information for 24-hour telephone banking at 0800 24 24 24.

Large advertisement for MGM film, including the text 'MGM as final' and 'The MGM... as final'.

Arabic text at the bottom left of the page: 'مركز الاستثمار'

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Grainger Trust, Greenwich Resources, Scotswood Industries, Final: American...

TOMORROW

Interims: Dwyer Estates, Heavitree Brewery, Spandicots, Final: Baring Emerging Europe...

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Balfour Gifford Japan Trust, Tepnel Life Sciences, Turkey Trust, Final: Christie Group...

THURSDAY

Interims: Crest Nicholson, Hardys & Hanson, Final: Alia, Allen, Asda Group, BPB Industries...

FRIDAY

Interims: Lomho, Partridge Fine Arts, Final: Bournemouth and West Hampshire Water, Kenning Motor Group...

COMPANIES

MICHAEL CLARK

Asda trades on impressive growth

ASDA: Archie Norman will have to take time off from his court battles with the drug companies to give the City an update on current trading this week.

Mr Norman may not be flustered by the month with the drug companies after his attempt to sell drugs in Asda stores at below the minimum recommended retail price.

The strong sales growth is likely to have provided scope for a small increase in margins. In spite of the petrol price war and heavy marketing programmes for selected goods.

BPB INDUSTRIES: Against the backdrop of a depressed building sector, the group will have spent much of 1995 running hard just to stand still.



Archie Norman's standing in the City is unaffected by Asda's battles with drug companies

VENDOME LUXURY GROUP: Full-year figures on Wednesday are likely to reveal the ravages of a poor Christmas mainly reflecting the national strikes in France towards the end of last year.

of the Swiss franc by almost 20 per cent against the dollar has hit margins during the past two years, with the group unable to pass on price increases.

£16.83 to a peak of £33.15 this year alone; not bad for a company that has still to make a single penny in profit.

BRITISH BIOTECHNOLOGY: In terms of share price, the group is one of the strongest performers in the market, moving from

HARVEY NICHOLS: Having made its stock market debut in April, full-year figures are unlikely to contain many surprises.

HALMA: Full-year figures from the engineer should impress the market, with brokers looking for an increase in pre-tax profits of around £5 million, to £34 million.

LOWNDES LAMBERT: Difficult trading conditions and increased competitiveness will make for gloomy reading when the group reports full-year figures on Wednesday.

LONRHO: When interim figures are announced on Friday brokers will no doubt be interested in what progress, if any, is being made with the proposed demerger of the group's mining and non-mining interests into two separate companies to realise shareholder value.

But everything was thrown back into the melting pot in April when the European Commission blocked the proposed merger of Lonrho's platinum interests with those of Gencor of South Africa.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

GDP grab the spotlight

IN A lean week for British statistics, the focus will be on Friday's final figures for first-quarter gross domestic product.

Economists will also be waiting to see whether Britain's corporate sector stays in financial deficit as in the final quarter of last year.

The only other UK statistic of note this week is global visible trade for April. The consensus forecast compiled by MMS International is for a deficit of £1.1 billion in the month, a little wider than the £0.9 billion deficit in March.

Otherwise, the financial markets will be focused particularly on figures coming out of America, Japan and Germany.

The main ones this week are consumer confidence and durable goods figures which are broadly expected to confirm that economic activity is robust.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy PowerGen, Asda, Inspirations, IWP, Sell Eclipse Blinds. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Columbus Group, Chez Gerard, Sunday Express: Buy Reflex, Hold Thorn EMI, The Observer: Hold Stagecoach, National Express, FirstBus, Cowie Group, Sell Railtrack.

MGM future in the balance as final bidding closes

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE fate of one of Hollywood's faded giants hangs in the balance today as final bidding closes for the MGM film studios.

Credit Lyonnais, the state-owned French bank, has put the film company up for sale with a price tag of about \$1.5 billion.

even under new ownership. About half film revenues are generated through video sales.

Somerfield attracts investors

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

AMID vocal City doubts over the proposed flotation of Somerfield, the supermarket group about 19,000 private investors have already registered an interest.

Four considerations for investors

As worries about the impact of the mad cow episode on public finances have faded, the gilt market has quietly outperformed.

ing. Retailers may try to boost margins but this may be limited by the fact that they seem already to have stocked up in anticipation of much stronger consumer demand.

because of the widespread assumption that the UK will exercise its opt-out. This is too pessimistic. It would take only a small shift in favour of Britain joining a single currency at some point in the next five years, presumably associated with the election of a Labour government, to trigger a marked fall in gilt yields relative to other countries.

DAVID WALTON, Goldman Sachs International

Advertisement for FT-SE Linkers, featuring a large 'E' logo and the word 'Protection'. Text includes: 'You want to benefit from stockmarket growth - but you don't want to risk a downturn...' and contact information for Barclays Stockbrokers Limited.

Advertisement for TRACKER, featuring a large image of a car and the text 'WITH TRACKER STOLEN CARS COME STRAIGHT BACK'. Includes contact information: 'FREEPHONE: 0500 090909' and 'SAVE UP TO 20% ON YOUR MOTOR INSURANCE'.

CINVen acquires academic publisher

Routledge, the academic publisher, has been bought by CINVen, the venture capital company, in a £28 million deal.

The Thomson Corporation sold Routledge, which specialises in social science and humanities works.

CINVen, which was bought by its management from British Coal last year, is the UK market leader in arranging management buyouts and buy-ins.

Strong support Sir Bob Reid, chairman of Sears, is expected to make a powerful defence of the retailer's chief executive, Liam Strong.

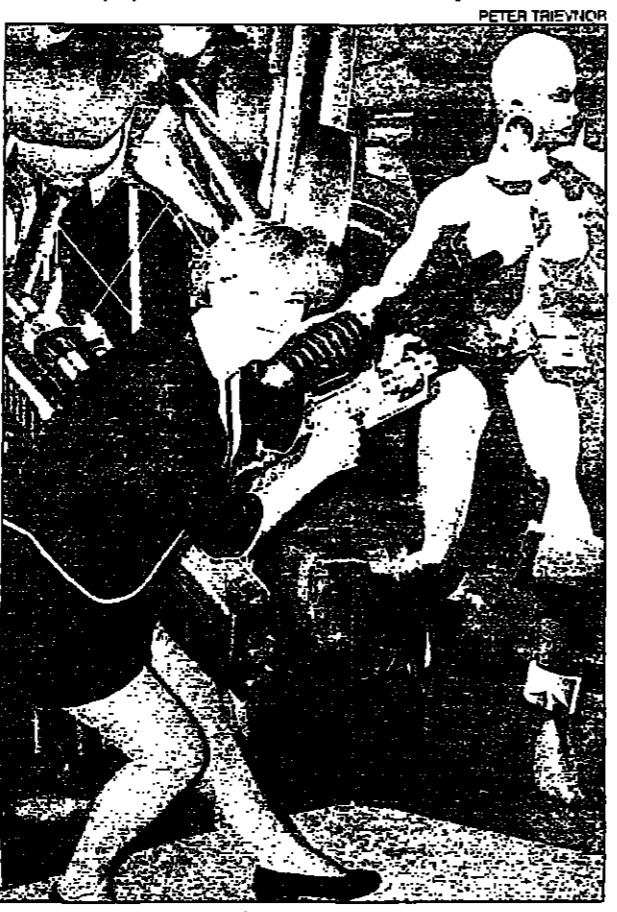
Links drive Small businesses succeed if they have drive and ambition, and a customer-focused approach, according to a Government survey.

Market's success prompts companies to line up for membership

AIM prepares to accelerate pace of growth

By CLARE STEWART AND GRAHAM SEARJEANT

THE Alternative Investment Market, having just celebrated a first year that saw quotations multiply from ten to 165, is set to accelerate its rate of growth as more companies line up to join the market.



Jane Cavanagh aims for success with computer games

products in more than 49 countries, and through 30,000 stores worldwide.

The company was formed by Jane Cavanagh in 1985. Having seen the success of Nintendo and Sega in Japan, she spotted the potential of interactive entertainment.

SCI has been profitable since its first year and is joining AIM to raise further working capital.

Chemical Research Holdings, also from the Durlacher/Neill Clerk stable, stems from the equally fashionable but wholly different biotechnology and pharmaceutical sector.



Looking ahead: Angela Campbell plans to open six more shops in her upmarket chain

Optician sets her sights on northern expansion

By JASON NISSÉ

LAST weekend's bomb outside Manchester's Arndale Centre blew out all the shop windows in the neighbouring Royal Exchange — except one.

The eponymous founder sees this fortuitous escape as a good sign — this week Angela Campbell Opticians will announce that it is joining the Ofex market to raise £550,000.

— to nine. "We know we've got a bloody good concept, but up until now we've lacked the money to expand it."

The company was founded five years ago in Ramsbottom by Mrs Campbell and her husband Simon. The concept was to import high quality, designer spectacle frames from Italy, Germany and, increasingly, the US.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

King becomes a king for a day

MAYFAIR jeweller Paul King thought he had hit the jackpot when a £1.3 million windfall from Barclays Bank dropped on to his workbench last week.

Tory talk

PROVIDENT Financial is sponsoring four evening lectures by Cabinet ministers Stephen Dorrell, Michael Forsyth, William Hague and William Walegrave.

Kwik fix

KWIK-FIT boss Tom Farmer, 55, is going to Lourdes. He has made the pilgrimage for the past 12 years and is going as a "helper" and a "companion".

Marmite man

ADRIAN BRIDGE, a former associate director at NatWest Markets, is back in the City, to introduce the new port vintage for Fonseca and Taylors.

Credit union

THE forthcoming marriage of Olivia Warrington and Ralph Assheton will bring about something of a banking merger.

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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Celtic deflated in wake of defeat

THE party atmosphere surrounding AIM's first birthday could not prevent Celtic Football Club falling back in the wake of Scotland's Euro '96 defeat by England.

Acquire Hong Kong Super-net, which provides Internet services. Pacific Media partners in the \$6.1 million deal are Bertelsmann, the European media group, and Sembawang Media, which is based in Singapore.

work Planning, joining via a placing next month (see separate story), when SCI, a computer games business, will also be arriving.

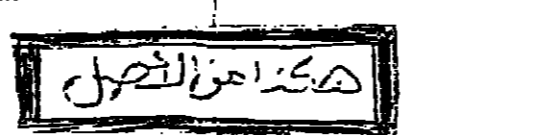
TOURIST RATES

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Main AIM market table with columns for High, Low, Mid cap, Price, and % change.

Advertisement for British Heart Foundation featuring a heart graphic and text: 'EVERY 3 MINUTES SOMEBODY'S TIME IS UP'.

Advertisement for 'THE POUND' and 'STOCK MARKET' with exchange rates and market data.



Overcrowded banking sector frightens off BAT

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

AT INDUSTRIES, which owns Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar, has decided to buy a building company because it believes the retail banking sector is too crowded and unattractive.

...including NatWest Bank and Prudential, which have been linked with building societies. The Prudential is believed to have initiated talks with the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester, aiming to negotiate an acquisition before one of the two reaches the stock market and converts to a bank.

...operation, which would market deposit accounts and mortgages directly to the consumer, and the creation of a unit trust service for individual investors.

...Allied Dunbar into a strong UK company, while developing Eagle Star's potential markets overseas.

...Last month the BAT group announced first-quarter profits up 16 per cent to £600 million, with a 2 per cent contribution from the financial services division.

...LEADING City solicitor, have disputed claims that thousands of contracts drawn up as part of the privatisation of the railways cost £70 million in legal fees.

Lawyer fees for rail work

...One suggested yesterday that the figure was nearer £40 million, with the bulk going to just three legal firms out of the 20 which were called in to put together leases and agreements. The three firms which benefited most from the work were Simmons & Simmons, believed to have been paid £15 million; Linklaters & Paines, said to have earned £18 million; and Clifford Chance, which is believed to have been paid £10 million.

BTR speed-up

...BTR, the industrial conglomerate, is believed to be speeding up a review of its businesses and could be close to clinching sales. Completion of the programme, which could lead to a third of the business being hived off, is expected by the autumn.

SFO mission

...Investigators from the Serious Fraud Office are expected to travel to Japan this week as part of an inquiry into whether a former Sumitomo copper dealer acted alone in amassing \$1.8 billion losses in unauthorised trading.

Barings probe

...A former senior Barings executive accused of not taking "vigorous" enough steps to curb Nick Leeson's mounting exposure to the Far East money markets will today face tough questions from members of the Commons Treasury Select Committee.

Age bill

...The cost of providing pensions to Europe's growing number of over-60s could double some countries' debt early in the next century and threaten hopes for a stable single currency, according to a report published today by Patrick Foley, Lloyds Bank's chief economic adviser.

Eurotunnel set for demanding AGM in Paris

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SIR ALASTAIR MORTON, Eurotunnel's co-chairman, looks like facing his bloodiest shareholder encounter in Paris this week when the troubled bi-national company is unlikely to be able to present a restructuring deal to its annual meeting.

...protecting or enhancing travel concession. The preponderant French shareholders, many of whom bought at much higher prices in the secondary market, are likely to prove far more upset and demonstrate their feelings.

...deal with creditors. Thursday's AGM is set to trigger reactions as furious as those at last year's British Gas AGM when thousands protested against executive pay.

...Expectations are growing that Eurotunnel's banks, who are not being paid interest on key debt, will take on half of the company's enlarged equity in a long-haggled refinancing agreement.

...One step to all parties could be an agreement by the British and French Governments to extend Eurotunnel's franchise indefinitely, like the newer franchise for London & Continental Railways.

...Preparing for a flood of aggrieved shareholders, Eurotunnel last week changed the venue from the small Maison de la Chimie to the enormous Grand Auditorium at the Palais des Congrès on Place de la Porte Maillot.

Thomas Cook to buy Sunworld

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE most significant shake-up in the UK travel industry for three years will take place this week when Thomas Cook announces its acquisition of Sunworld, the UK's fifth largest tour operator, for £40 million.

...cent stake in First Choice, a partnership which has failed to bear the fruit Cook had hoped for.

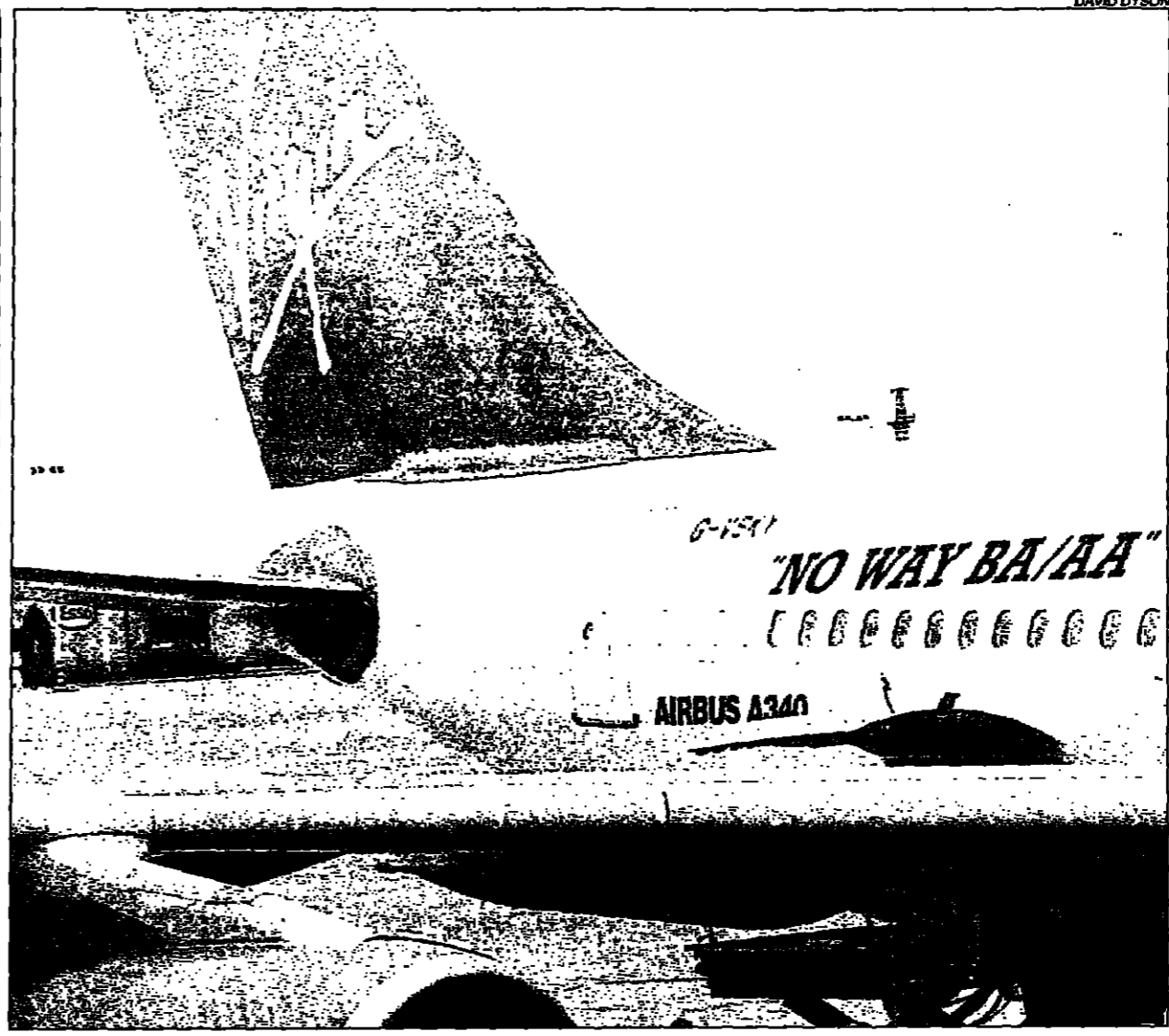
...The deal will effectively end Thomas Cook's relationship with First Choice, forged in 1993 when Cook emerged in shining armour to defend First Choice (then known as Owners Abroad) from a hostile bid from Airtrous.

...Cook has been gradually unwinding the tie-up and now holds 11 per cent of First Choice, but is expected to sell the stake after First Choice's results to be published on July 11.

...It will give Cook the combination of a strong travel brand and wide distribution network from which to build up market share.

...The combative Sir Alastair, who has been with the Eurotunnel project since 1987, said earlier this month that although his contract runs out at the end of October, he will stay on if the bank talks have not been concluded.

...Now half way through the 18-month interest payment standstill declared by the Channel Tunnel operator on its £3 billion-plus of debt, shareholders are desperate for some news of a settlement with the 225 creditor banks.



Virgin Atlantic's anger at the planned alliance of British Airways and American Airlines has taken to the skies. Daubed on Virgin's airbuses is the message: "No Way BA/AA".

Labour to step up drive for utility tax

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

LABOUR is thought to be close to revealing further details of its plans for a windfall tax on the utilities. Party insiders believe Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will re-outline the case for a tax on the utilities in response to speculation that the party had softened its position in the wake of internal rifts.

N&P dispute with O'Brien to drag on

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NATIONAL & Provincial building society has admitted that a legal dispute with David O'Brien, its former chief executive, will not be settled before the society is acquired by Abbey National.

O'Brien is suing N&P for more than £420,000 after failing to reach a compensation settlement earlier this year. He is suing for damages and interest, and claims that he was entitled to two years' written notice.

Sanction on lawyer overturned

By JASON NISSE

THE Solicitors Complaints Bureau has overturned a previous sanction handed down to Peter Gold, the former senior partner of Timmuss Sainer Dechert.

...advice given to Maurice and Michael Bennett, directors of Oasis Stores, the fashion group, before the collapse of Pinewood, the original owners of Oasis.

...and Timmuss advised the Bennetts before and after the buyout, the firm stood aside during the buyout.

...Last month *The Times* reported that Mr Gold, who is still a consultant with the City law firm, was reprimanded over his

...The Bennett brothers bought Oasis from the receivers of Pinewood for £15 million in early 1991. The founders of Oasis, Graham and Edwina Brown, are now suing Oasis for return of the company. Though Mr Gold

...The appeals committee concluded: "There was no evidence of conflict of interest or other breach of professional conduct which would justify any disciplinary action against Mr Gold... or any other solicitors from Timmuss."

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Murder most torrid in dull old Dixieland

Well, Travis was always going to die, wasn't he? ... I wonder everyone had a motive for his murder.

scary Ray Wise (from Twin Peaks) would the words "Fire, walk with me" have any significance later?

him, Summer 1940 and all that. ... So Mesterhach (BBC1) has its final rest Sunday.

them back again. Pity the Shirreles, who topped the charts with Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?



Lynne Truss

Casualty repeats or the semi-final of Mesterhach to satisfy normal longings.

Although it was recorded weeks ago, it seemed as though the male judges were all wondering what they were doing there.

Unmissable on Saturday nights is Dancing in the Street: A Rock and Roll History (BBC2).

BECS

- 6.00am Business Breakfast (41786)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Celex) (72057)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Celex) (209585)

CHOICE

- Watchdog Value For Money BBC1, 7.30pm
The Watchdog spin-offs continue, but consumer shows make such good viewing...

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BECS

- 6.00am Open University: Planet in Perspective (G536277) 9.25 TV Images, Messages and Ideologies (1238415)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Celex and sign) (3445095)

CHOICE

- In the Blood: The End of Evolution BBC2, 8.00pm
Professor Steve Jones concludes his course in popular genetics with the apparently provocative statement that human evolution may be over.

UK LIVING

- 6.00am GMTV (7585637)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (S) (1748231)
9.55 Regional News (Telex) (2520618)

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George Cole as Freddie (9.00pm)



Ian Botham in action in 1981 (9.00pm)

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'Plastic' traveller's cheques

Travellers will be able to replace traveller's cheques with a pre-paid plastic card if the pilot launch of Royal Bank of Scotland's Visa TravelMoney card, starting today in Edinburgh and Manchester, is successful.

The electronic card is "loaded" with up to £5,000 sterling and can then be used with a PIN number to extract cash in foreign currencies from automatic hole-in-the-wall telling machines abroad.

Once exhausted, the card can be thrown away. The card aims to give instant cash with greater security and avoid travellers carrying a lot of foreign currency.

Wage support

Many employers support a national minimum wage but want it to reflect regional differences in pay, according to a new survey by Reed Personnel Services, the recruitment group, published today. Half of the 250 organisations surveyed said Labour's plan for a statutory minimum rate was a good idea, with only 20 per cent against, although there was more opposition from retailers. A majority of those questioned said they favoured a regionalised rate.

Minimal issue, page 46

Appeal date

Up to 60,000 part-time health, bank and shop workers who are claiming more than £95 million in back-dated occupational pensions will discover today whether their court appeal has been successful. The Employment Appeal Tribunal will deliver a ruling on their claims for rights to pensions stretching back in some cases to the 1970s. The TUC, which is co-ordinating the claims, has been pressing to get the two-year limit on back-dated compensation lifted and wants the case referred to the European Court of Justice. Britain has more part-time workers than the European Union average.



Accountants from Ernst & Young proved among the most willing gluttons for punishment at the first 24 Peaks Challenge in the Lake District yesterday. The Challenge, sponsored by merchant bank ING Barings to raise money for the charity Feed the Children, included four teams from the Big Six accountancy from among 25, including many bankers, who took on the challenge of walking 31 miles to climb 24 peaks in 24 hours

LucasVarity defends 'golden parachutes'

By Jason Nisse

VICTOR RICE, chief executive-elect of LucasVarity, will be entitled to severance pay of more than £5 million if he is dismissed at any time in the five years after the £3.2 billion merger of Lucas Industries, the engineer, and Varity, the US group. The golden parachute is equal to 4.4 times his annual salary of £600,000 plus the highest bonus he was paid in the previous three years, which currently is the £538,000 he received in 1994. British-born Mr Rice was given this contract by Varity, which is based in the US where such contracts are

unusual. But LucasVarity will be a UK company and the terms far exceed the guidelines set down by the Greenbury committee on executive pay in the UK, which says that service contracts should be of no more than two years and preferably should be only one. Three other directors of Varity are also entitled to massive payments if they are dismissed within five years of the merger. They are Neil Arnold, Anthony Gilroy and Howard Chandler. They would receive 3.35 times their total salary and bonus. The payoffs for these

three could reach £3.72 million. Not one of them is due to sit on the board of the newly merged company after the deal goes through, as it is expected to do later this summer. Other senior executives are entitled to payoffs equal to many multiples of their salary if dismissed in the two years after the LucasVarity merger. Varity would not elaborate on how many executives this covered or what the liability to the company would be in this case. "You have to understand that executive pay is of a different order of magnitude

in the US," said Kirsten Biehardy, Varity's head of corporate affairs. The terms of these golden parachutes are disclosed in a provisional prospectus which has been filed with the US Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington. The document is not meant for distribution in the UK. The potential payments stem from a change of control clause which is triggered by the merger of Lucas and Varity, even though the deal is a friendly one largely promoted by Mr Rice. The payments are specified in a chapter entitled "Interest

of certain persons in the Reorganization" (sic) where it says: "Varity stockholders should be aware that certain officers or directors of Varity... have interests... that are different from or in addition to the interests of Varity stockholders generally." Senior fund managers said that they would be raising the issue of golden parachutes with LucasVarity at meetings once the formal merger documents are out in the UK, which is not expected until next month. Mike Beard, director of communications at Lucas, defended the golden parachutes. "These concern a previous contractual arrangements. The Greenbury guidelines have little to do with US companies and these people have to work out their existing contracts."

Valuation range adds to Energy sale confusion

By Christine Buckley

BRITISH ENERGY, the company owning the eight newest nuclear reactors, will on Wednesday be valued well below initial forecasts in a band of estimates so wide that it emphasises City confusion over the last big privatisation. The nuclear stations, expected to get a price tag within a range of £1.3 billion to £1.9 billion, will also be hampered by a rewritten prospectus referring to warnings from Labour that it could rescind nuclear's privileged status in the generation market.

A statement last week by John Battie, Shadow Energy Minister, that a Labour government could axe British Energy's preferred status in the electricity market - which means its output is guaranteed - is the only fundamental change to the full prospectus from the pathfinder document. If executed, the threat would have major implications for the cash generation of British Energy. Cash generation, along with a strong dividend policy, is one of the

key platforms on which British Energy is being marketed. Early estimates had priced the business at about £2 billion which in itself was controversial figure, as it fell short of the £2.9 billion spent to build Sizewell B, the newest reactor. The wide range of valuations that the Government is now considering goes beyond the usual City posturing on privatisations. It highlights the difficulty of gauging future prices of electricity a British Energy.

Today is the last day for private registrations will share shops, through which individuals can buy at extra discounts. So far more than a million people have registered although the take-up is expected to be about a quarter of a million which private investors taking about 30 per cent of the issue. The general discount for retail investors is expected to be about 5 per cent. British Energy executives will be in the United States this week talking to American investment institutions.

Sainsbury's card attracts millions

By Caroline Merrell

MORE than two and a half million people have registered for Sainsbury's new loyalty card in its first week.

The supermarket chain claims that more than 420,000 people a day have been signing up for the Reward Card, which offers Air Miles or a discount on purchases. The move is a climbdown for the group, which last year dismissed loyalty cards as "electronic Green Shield stamps". A spokeswoman said yesterday that the sign-ups had been maintained on Saturday, despite the Euro 96 factor. She said: "We had a very large number of people who came shopping in the morning which helped to balance the afternoon which was far quieter as people went home to watch the football."

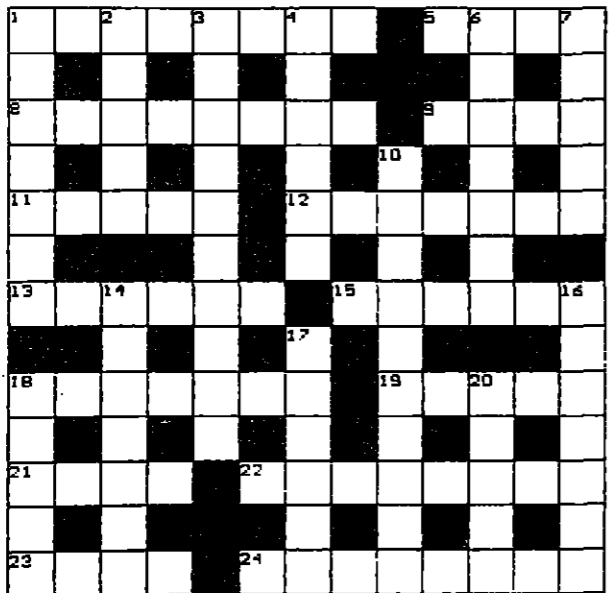
The 2.5 million figure included Saturday, but not Sunday figures. More than a million people shop in Sainsbury stores on Sunday, and the group anticipates that

eventually more than seven million of its nine million customers will take the card. Its launch is another sign of the war currently being fought between high street supermarkets. Last month, Sainsbury reported a £100m fall in profits.

The company's first profit fall in 22 years was put down to increasing competition with Tesco, which also launched a loyalty card last week. Tesco's Club Card Plus will pay savers 5 per cent interest and offer discounts related to the amount of money spent with the store. About 6.5 million Tesco customers already use its Club Card loyalty scheme, which provides the discounts without the additional banking facilities.

Sainsbury's card will give one point for £1 spent beyond £5. Two hundred and fifty points will give the customer 40 air miles. A return trip to Paris will cost around 3,000 Air Miles.

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Incentive schemes under fire

By Martin Waller

PENSIONS Investment Research Consultants (Pirc), the pension fund consultancy that has led the backlash on corporate governance this year, will tomorrow launch a new attack on executive incentive schemes.

Research being prepared by Pirc suggests that every scheme so far voted through by shareholders is contrary to the Greenbury guidelines on directors' remuneration.

Pirc will chair a breakfast briefing to be attended by representatives of 60 of Britain's top companies, that will attempt to lay down guidelines on what schemes should be adopted and what objections companies can expect from their shareholders.

The annual meeting season

for privatised utilities is approaching, and sharp criticism of several proposed schemes, offering windfall bonuses to directors, is expected. The Pirc research is likely to provide further ammunition for the critics.

Pirc has already campaigned heavily against a number of executive bonus schemes, including those proposed by the Prudential Corporation and at HSBC Holdings, parent of the Midland Bank. So far, all have been voted through by shareholders, but opposition has been unexpectedly heavy.

At the HSBC annual meeting at the end of May almost a fifth of shareholders voted with Pirc and against the board proposals, which the

consultant calculated would pay six directors a maximum of £16 million between them.

Anne Simpson, joint managing director of Pirc, said the consultant had identified executive incentive schemes, particularly those that offer rewards to directors that far outweigh benefits to shareholders, as the next topic of debate in the City.

This view is bolstered by Pirc's research, which is believed to show that since the Greenbury guidelines were drawn up, not one of the 31 schemes put to shareholders for a vote would pass muster under the guidelines. In addition, numerous other generous executive incentives have been put in place without requiring the blessing of shareholders.

UK gives boost to German

By Clare Stewart

A GERMAN technologist who was unable to find backing for his ideas in Germany is set to become a multimillionaire when he floats his UK-based business on AIM next month. Klaus Bollmann and his wife, Hanne, who is co-founder and finance director of Network Technology, will hold a stake worth £21 million when it comes to AIM. The company is joining via a placing valued at about £35 million.

Set up in 1984, the company in Burgess Hill, Sussex, has established its core market supplying hardware and software connecting computers to networks, the Internet, printers and other office equipment.

Network Technology supplies more than 15 of the world's largest equipment manufacturers, including NEC, Ricoh, Epson and Xerox, claiming a 40 per cent world market share for its printer server products.

Mr Bollmann, 40, first began experimenting with technology as a teenager. At 13 he repaired his first colour television, and at 14 he built his first computer. "I



Klaus and Hanne Bollmann: stake worth £21 million

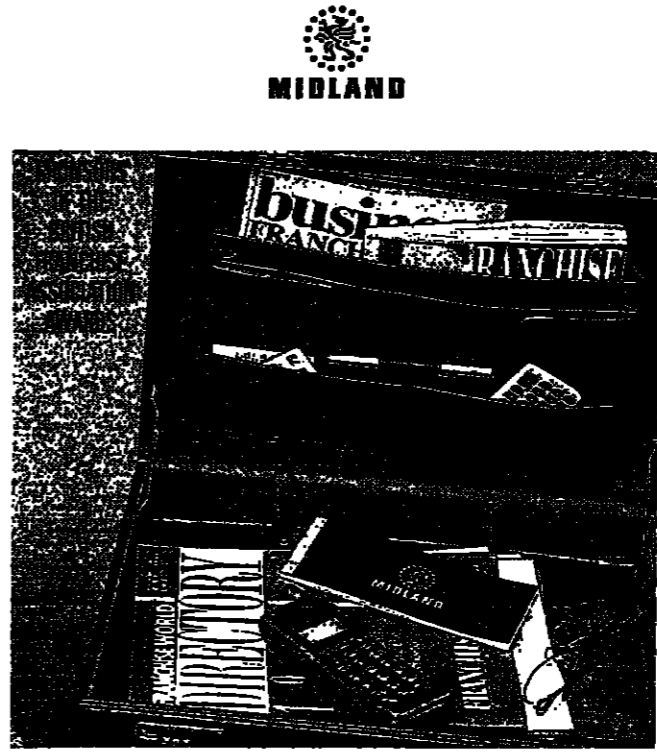
wrote to IBM and asked them for any old computer gear. They gave me the bits and I was able to put it together," he said.

In the early days of office computers, Mr Bollmann spotted the need for low cost printers. He said: "The office world then was ruled by typists and there was opposition to computers. I developed a device that could be added to typewriters to effectively convert them into word processors." Although the idea was used initially by typewriter group Triumph Adler in Germany,

the company was not interested in developing the technology further. Mr Bollmann eventually found backing from a UK business, OEM.

In 1984 Mr Bollmann set up on his own. For the year to March 1996, Network Technology is forecasting profits of not less than £3.3 million on turnover of £16 million. Mr Bollmann and his wife are not selling any shares when the company floats. The £4 million that they raise will fund expansion.

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Tomb of Mayan king gives up its treasures

AN EXPEDITION led by a British archaeologist has found the remains of a bejewelled Mayan king, thought to have ruled around AD 450.

Professor Norman Hammond of Boston University, co-director of the excavation at La Milpa in northern Belize and archaeology correspondent of *The Times*, said: "Mayan royal burials are fairly rare, and it is increasingly rare to find a site that has not been looted... when we realised that the chamber was undisturbed, it became very exciting."

The skeleton was found lying on its back about 10ft underground in a rock-cut burial chamber the size of a Volkswagen Beetle. The tomb probably escaped looting because unlike tombs of other Mayan kings, it had no marker indicating who was buried there or when, although evidence in the tomb suggests that it may have been a king known as Bird Jaguar who lived around AD 450 or his successor.

Professor Hammond said La Milpa was experiencing its first decline when the king died. "The people probably did not have the resources or desire left to commemorate him with a temple — or

□ The discovery of a spectacular jade necklace by a team led by Professor Norman Hammond, the Archaeology Correspondent of *The Times*, is as exciting as it is rare. He describes the burial chamber find to Leyla Linton

even a marker." However, the royal regalia with the skeleton include a spectacular necklace made from the apple-green jade of the Motagua valley in Guatemala, as well as jade mosaic earrings, and ear spools placed by the feet, made of black glassy obsidian.

A jade pendant attached to the necklace shows the head of a vulture, an icon which signified lord or ruler to the ancient Maya, Professor Hammond said. "It is a superb, unique piece of jade carving and a prime example of Maya lapidary art. This king wore his status on his chest," he said, announcing the find at a British Museum conference on the Maya yesterday. A jade bead the size of a cherry resting in the king's mouth, was probably placed there to receive the spirit.

Sara Donaghey, lecturer at Sheffield

College, who excavated the skeleton, said: "Seeing the jade gradually coming to light was really exciting. That is something I have not experienced before. The find is the stuff that archaeology is made of." Ms Donaghey said she had to bend herself like a banana in order to crawl into the black space. "It was painstaking work. I was one of the few people who could put myself in this awkward position. The skeleton was so fragile I used tools borrowed from my dentist to excavate it."

The front part of the skull had been smashed by rock falling from the roof of the tomb. The skeleton shows that the king in the chamber would have been between 5ft 2in and 5ft 4in tall. His teeth had been missing for some time before his death, possibly due to disease or bad eating habits. His neck vertebrae show signs of trauma at an earlier stage in his life, according to Frank and Julie Saul from Toledo, Ohio, experts in ancient bones who examined the skeleton in Belize as it was found.

La Milpa is about 70 miles northeast of the great Mayan city of Tikal in Guatemala. It was an important city for about a century. According to Dr Gair Tourtellot of Boston University, who is co-director of the project, La Milpa's population probably exceeded 50,000 at its peak between AD 750 and 850. The Maya built La Milpa around a great plaza which had two courts for the sacred rubber-ball game and was surrounded by four temple pyramids rising as high as 80ft.

The site was discovered in 1938 by Eric Thompson, but was not excavated until Professor Hammond's work began in 1992. Digging has been funded by the National Geographic Society, Boston University and this year by Raymond and Beverly Sackler of New York.

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Hammond: rare to find royal tomb that has not been looted



A Maya models the king's jade necklace with its vulture pendant



Skeleton of the bejewelled Mayan king, thought to be Bird Jaguar. His tomb was carved from solid rock beneath the plaza of the city of La Milpa in AD 450

OJ charity dinner raises storm

By Tom Rhodes

HE HAS already protested his innocence to every network in America, made a public show of playing golf in Florida and spoken at the Oxford Union. But the reinvention of O.J. Simpson faces its sternest test this week when the former American football star hosts a formal fundraising event at his estate in Los Angeles for opponents of wife-battering.

Mr Simpson, who pleaded guilty in 1989 to beating his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and amid controversy was acquitted of her murder last year, has been largely shunned by the Hollywood establishment in recent months. More than 500 celebrities and assorted members of the Los Angeles glitterati, however, are expected to pay up to \$10,000 (£6,450) to attend a dinner and auction on Thursday at the Brentwood mansion where Mr Simpson was arrested after the killing of his wife.

Although the offer has been welcomed by the Stop the Violence / Increase the Peace foundation, the charity involved, it has brought demands of a boycott from relations and friends of the dead woman.

"Any organisation dedicated to stopping violence ought not to use Mr Simpson or allow Mr Simpson to use them in connection with their campaign," Gloria Allred, a lawyer representing Mrs Simpson's family said.

Indians take on cavalry again at Little Bighorn

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

FOR more than a century America has been fascinated by George Custer, the young hero of the Civil War, the Indian fighter in the West and the man who apparently disobeyed orders and led his 250 cavalymen to crushing defeat at Little Bighorn.

The last stand of June 25, 1876, has been considered a cornerstone in the history of relations between Whites and Indians, an icon of doomed American courage and a bitter-sweet victory for the tribes who were to lose their traditional nomadic lifestyle within a matter of years.

The 120th anniversary of the battle, which will be re-enacted at its site in Montana tomorrow, threatens to reignite controversy at the Little Bighorn and has once more pitted the Seventh Cavalry against the Cheyenne and Sioux, Arapaho, Lakota, Arikira and Crow. Gerard

Baker, the Indian superintendent of the battlefield monument, claims it honours Custer and his men but fails to commemorate the victors, including the 50 Indians who died in battle.

"This represents the end of the way of life for the Indian people," said Mr Baker, who is preparing designs for another shrine to be built on Last Stand Hill. "When Indian people come here they cry and they get mad for the loss of that way of life and that freedom."

More than the prospect of a new monument, however, the anniversary itself is at the heart of the new conflict after Mr Baker organised what he called a "a day for the tribes". Prayers at the monument and a buffalo feast will be preceded by an attack-at-dawn ceremony in which Indians will ride horses to the boundary of the monument, head for a

mass grave where 200 soldiers are buried and "count coup" — an ancient tradition in which warriors proved their skill by striking the enemy with a stick.

The operation has angered those associated with the US Cavalry. A number of invitations to what Mr Baker has called the "wipe-away-tears ceremony" have been spurned. Major General Leon Laporte, who commands the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood in Texas and is overall commander of the Seventh Cavalry, merely said his programme did not permit him to attend the event at the Crow Reservation.

Bob Wells, editor of the *Custer Little Bighorn Battlefield Advocate*, said Mr Baker had gone overboard. "What would people say if cavalry reenactors went to Wounded Knee and touched the monument with sabres?"

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Day One of a new series: Faith is more important today than it has been for many years Looking for a reason to believe

The 'me' generation of the Eighties now senses that, morally, it has travelled too light. Today, many people are searching for a faith which will help to give a deeper meaning to their lives



Something is moving in the middle classes. A decade ago scenes of pinstripe ecstasy, with hands held aloft and a babble of indecipherable languages, would have called to mind a frantic morning on the trading floor or a late night at a club. Now the same energy, abandoned even, is found in church. For many of Britain's bruised there has been a turning away from the material and towards the spiritual. The anxious classes are finding reassurance in Christianity, while others experiment with alternative creeds. The era of the Enlightenment, when religion was in retreat, is drawing to a close, and in its place we are witnessing a new willingness to experiment with aspects of the eternal — it is the dawning not so much of the Age of Aquarius, more the Age of the Curious.

'It is the dawning of the Age not of Aquarius but of the Curious'

The reaction against reason shows itself in any number of ways. Rising violent crime encourages a more animal view of man's real nature. The spread of BSE, the most terrifying of a succession of food scares, has contributed to an undermining of confidence in science. There has been a resurgence of national identity, expressed ethnically and not culturally, from the border counties of Ulster through an increasingly anti-immigrant Europe to Bosnia. It suggests a world grown weary of the appeal of intellect and institutions, and happier with blood and soil. With reason fugitive, individuals are turning to

explain the deeper mysteries the millennium makes them think about.

The English are never at ease with open discussion of personal matters or spiritual speculation. But there is a sense that is changing, with the preparedness of figures such as the novelist Martin Harris and the broadcaster Melvyn Bragg to discuss their new engagement with Christianity.

Knowing that contemporaries are pursuing their own pilgrimages may have emboldened Bragg and others to speak for many more, silently seeking their own accommodation with the spiritual.

A resurgence in religious faith might be expected as the

2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth draws near. Anniversaries are naturally times for reflection on how to use what little time each of us has left. But the millennium has a special significance, enhanced by the pace of today's turbulent change.

The religious writer Damian Thomson, whose *The End of Time: Faith and Fear in the Shadow of the Millennium* is published this August, argues: "The recent collapse of what one might term rival millennial visions, such as the capacity of Marxism or market liberalism to solve all our woes, has created a renewed appetite for religious solutions. People no longer trust the Enlightenment answers. They do not expect 'reason' to

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As the millennium approaches, their parents' generation is searching for new meanings to life, but where will these adults of the 21st century turn for spiritual fulfilment?

faith as a civilising influence. These deeper forces lapping on our shores influence a society less sure of itself after the 1980s, when individual reason was enthroned. That decade saw the ascendancy of the "me" generation — benefiting from freer markets and deregulated morality. Now there is a perception that excessive trust in the mechanics of economic production, and indeed of sexual reproduction, has produced an environment where industrial and personal relations have become barren. Financial security has been ephemeral for many. At its loosest in the invocation of "community", people are trying to find a voice outside themselves to guide their lives. In politics, an electorate apparently disaffected with the limits of liberalism hear some-

thing of what they want in Tony Blair's explicitly moral language. And Mr Blair's own faith also encourages many to find that voice in God. The path to faith is always intensely personal but, as with politics, attitudes can be influenced by the mood of a generation as much as by the promptings of conscience. There are distinct currents apparent in different ages. Among teenagers and young adults religious feeling has most obviously found an expression in the loose bundle of beliefs that is New Age thought. New Age thinking is, ultimately, as chaotically mixed and under-nourishing as the broth bubbling on an open campfire at a Newbury protest site. It allows an antipathy to progress to exist side by side with an enjoyment of its fruits.



by MICHAEL GOVE

The same young woman who refuses to eat steroid-stuffed meat, because she wishes to preserve her own body's purity, will relax at a rave with drugs refined by chemists which wreak far more dramatic changes on her system than any burger.

In the generation broadly in their thirties, other influences are at work. A more intimate engagement with the hopes and values of the 1960s has led to a reaction less violent but possibly more rooted than that of those a few years younger. For many the waning of confidence in material progress has coincided with the changes wrought by family life and childbirth. The natural review of values the creation of new life brings has, for many, been given greater urgency by a sense that they travelled too light, morally, through the past decade. But, while getting and spending assume less importance, other influences of a Conservative age persist. The journey many in their thirties make is back to Christianity. Damian Thomson believes that economic insecurity has

had a decisive effect on this generation. "For the disorientated young professionals who hanker after a stable community they have never really known, Evangelical Christianity provides friendship, certainty, identity and discipline." There are other prosaic influences that push young families back to established ways. They may attend the local church to get their child into church schools. But enthusiasm, even more than calculation, has brought young professionals back to the pews. Evangelical Christianity is the biggest area of growth, offering spiritual self-assurance in informal clothes. The popularity of Christian faith among thirtysomethings, and the embracing of other beliefs among those who are younger, alarms their elders. For many whose attitudes

were formed in the 1960s the detachment of reason is not a restoration of balance but the tyranny of superstition. Scientists such as Richard Dawkins, the author of *Climbing Mount Improbable*, see in any upsurge in faith a regression to an infantile way of looking at the world that they had fought against. But in their own way, scientists such as Dawkins are themselves part of a priesthood, with a fundamental world-view that explains it all, an animus against heretics as powerful as any medieval Pope, and an optimistic belief in progress. But faith in science appears to be evolving into the creed of an ever more exclusive brethren. It has become the victim of the relativism it once rode to prominence on — just another option in the "market for meaning" for questing souls.

Out of the mouths of babes

ARE WE born with a sense of spirituality, or do we develop it? Researchers at Nottingham University approached this question by interviewing 50 children from Nottingham and Birmingham about their beliefs. The team found the children to be more sophisticated in their beliefs than many people might think; they also found a strong sense of taboo associated with spiritual matters. The idea for the research came from Dr David Hay and the interviews were conducted by Rebecca Nye, a research fellow. Both are from the university's School of Education. "Spirituality has been debated a lot in education, and it has emerged as something quite separate from religion," Ms Nye says. "It

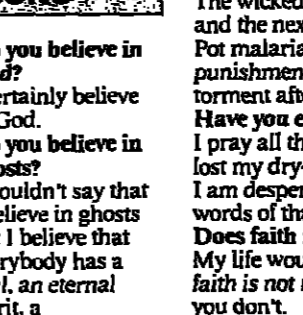
might be a sense of awe in a science lesson, or during a walk in the park." Ms Nye and Dr Hay were looking for ideas and thoughts which were not based on particular knowledge, such as a certain religion. They sought to avoid references to imaginary or magical worlds. The children, an equal number of boys and girls, fell into two age groups — six to seven-year-olds, and ten to 11-year-olds. They came from state schools, and included some Muslims. The majority of the children did not attend church. "I asked about hobbies, pets and friendships, because we were also interest-

ed in what they said about worldly things," she explains. Children were not questioned about their family. Religion was avoided — unless it was brought up by the child. "They weren't across-the-board believers or non-believers. Some were quite mature atheists," she says. "One six-year-old pretended he was doing a chat show and told me: 'I'm going to talk to you about the meaning of life.'" Embarrassment or taboo, was a constant theme, she says. "The children felt they couldn't discuss it with their friends and family. It was odd because they had so much to say, and some got quite annoyed that I wasn't going to talk to them again."

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what I believe

TONY PARSONS



Do you think your sins will be punished? The wicked are punished — in this world and the next. The mosquito that gives Pol Pot malaria is the beginning of the punishment. I believe that a soul can suffer torment after the living shell has died. Have you ever prayed? I pray all the time. I wouldn't bother God if I lost my dry-cleaning ticket, but I pray when I am desperate, and I always say a few quiet words of thanks later. Does faith matter? My life would be unthinkable without it, but faith is not rational. You either believe or you don't. Have you ever had a mystical experience? I have had an experience that I would describe as spiritual. After my father died, I went to see his body. I had the overwhelming sensation that his soul — the divine spark that made him who he was — had gone to some other place. I have never felt more certain about anything in my life.



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Why do we need to believe — and are we born with an innate sense of spirituality?

Has sex become a substitute for religion?

THE LUST FOR SENSATION

The rumour of God is not yet dead. Even if that name is no longer fashionable, the notion that there is some other world beyond the present continues to resurface in unexpected places.

Once, religion had an urgent role to play in ensuring civilisation's collective survival; but now that the increasing affluence of the Western world has knocked away the urgency of religion, so, I suggest, religion has largely developed into "spirituality": the individual quest for experience of some other world. And since these experiences of another world are by no means limited to the religious areas of life, spirituality is in turn being absorbed by secular culture.

Yet, as the great church historian Owen Chadwick suggests, when the human race has had an experience it finds to be authentic, it rarely lets it go. The memory of an other-worldly religion haunts the human imagination even amid the comforts of flat-earth

happily let our devils out to play and enjoy horrors on screen and stage.

Even so, the human body is still the great unknown, the great anti-intellectual mystery. Since sex is also where we are at our most embodied — sexual intercourse involves being taken over by the body, surrendering to its rhythms and urges — and since the body is the nightmare side of the rational psyche, in sex we play with the tiger that will finally consume us.

Sexual intercourse thus takes on all the power and fury of encountering the world of repressed fears. No wonder it is held to be religious.

But if sex is spirituality, then it must be able to satisfy the human need for hell as well as for ecstasy. And this is what we find. The language in which crimes such as child sexual abuse, rape, torture, sexual exploitation and murder are reported in the press draws on an armoury of medieval imagery. Time and again, editorials urge us to witness the transcendent horrors of humanity's diabolical inhumanity to itself in the name of sex.

Sex, of course, like any other religion, has its rituals which act to create or propagate the sacred space: the endlessly repeated liturgies of Hollywood and the formulaic litanies of Mills & Boon; the shamelessly recycled articles on "How to catch your man".

Even clergy are brought into the new religion: since they are the local experts on religion, they are unconsciously assumed also to be expert in the mystique of sex. How else to explain the disappointment when they fail, the prurient delight in exposing their sexual sins?

Most of this, of course, is nonsense, the fantasies with which an affluent generation likes to titillate itself. But perhaps there is a serious point to be made. If you consider that no eternal salvation is possible, then sex offers a way of transcending death.

Sex is so often associated with pleasure in the popular press that its links with reproduction are almost forgotten. And yet if, through sexual intercourse, you recover some ancient sacred space, there is a sense in which you are discovering meaning in a one-dimensional world, of which the final symbol is having children and thus peopling the empty universe.

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suburbia. There is always the hope of being surprised — that the outing to Loch Ness might just once reveal a monster.

Today, perhaps the most extraordinary of the remaining avenues to surprise is that sex. Sex is, I believe, the contemporary religion substitute *par excellence*. How else to explain the hyperbolic claims made for sex in magazines, non-fiction on television, on billboards or in brown envelopes from Amsterdam? Sex has supplanted religion in the imagination as our favourite way to the beyond.

But why? Two thousand five hundred years ago Socrates identified Eros as a daemon. If today the greater gods have packed their bags, we are at least left with those lesser beings, the daemons and half-gods. A glimpse of a chest or naked breasts still stirs our chthonic.

A second reason, following on from this, might be that our age is dominated by reason. So confident are we in our intellectual security that we



Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley in *Ab Fab* — said to be loosely based on Franks's life

Ab Fab days are over

A FOUR-YEAR ODYSSEY IN SEARCH OF TRUTH

I have travelled the world searching for something in which to believe. My spiritual journey has involved working with Californian New Age teachers; studying with Indian and Tibetan holy women and men; being healed by Native American shamans; trance dancing to African drums; visiting sacred Celtic sites; delving into my Jewish roots; studying the power of Kundalini energy and sacred tantric love-making; learning the power of silence; and going inward and celebrating the return of the Goddess through connection with Mother Earth.

I learnt more about humanity and God than I had in more formal religious settings. I found that spiritual truth wasn't only about internal healing and learning how to connect with the divine. It was about developing external values.

I realised that life was not about giving your power away to religious leaders, although one could acknowledge and learn from the great ones. It was about teaching, connecting to the divine through the beauty of nature and feeling unconditional love for our fellow human beings.

I was brought up in a conventional postwar Jewish family. My parents expected me to attend our progressive liberal synagogue. I went there for weekly Hebrew classes and services until I was confirmed at the age of 14.

I don't remember relating much to the vengeful, angry Jehovah we were taught about. I was more interested in the legends of the Old Testament. I wondered why all the great deeds were performed by men. Why was it always the wives who were weak?

It wasn't until I was in my early

thirties with two small children, a busy business and a tremendous amount of stress that I felt the need for a spiritual centre. I was surprised as my family when, some 20 years later, I was praying in front of an altar for two hours a day in a language I couldn't understand.

I first heard about Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism, a popular Japanese practice, from friends in New York. They said if you chanted NAM — MYO — HO — RENGEO — KYO every day you could manifest whatever you wanted.

What I needed badly was inner peace. I started repeating it twice a day for about ten years, enjoying the support and meetings with Buddhists, as well as the benefits chanting brought. Eventually, I started to question the value of taking such a narrow view on spirituality. I stopped my daily practice about the same time I sold my business, and split up with my husband

after 20 years. I felt I was in freefall without a parachute.

So in June 1992, I started on a four-year adventure to search for the truth. I found that there are many self-acclaimed prophets and I realised that much discrimination needs to go into the selection of your spiritual path. Daily meditation and prayer will give you the internal space to absorb what is appropriate.

I'm currently practising Raj Yoga meditation with the Brahma Kamaris, an international spiritual organisation founded in India. Their pure lives and focus on service is what I aim for but I'm just taking it a day at a time. I've come a long way from the *Ab Fab* days, but I'm just a woman on her own journey to her truth.

Lynne Franks's book on her journey to the 21st century will be out next spring.



by LYNNE FRANKS

what I believe

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Do you believe in God?
I have a religious temperament but I don't have any belief.
Do you believe in ghosts?
No.
Is there life after death?
The body dies but our genes live on. They just go on mutating endlessly.
Do you believe in astrology?
Astrology is a metaphor and any good writer will tell you that it is dangerous to believe metaphors.
Do you think your sins

will be punished?
I believe in cause and effect, but I don't think there is a deity passing judgment. Sin is culturally defined.
Have you ever prayed?
I was brought up as a Quaker and I do sometimes contemplate.
Does faith matter?
Yes, and I agree with Salman Rushdie that it is dangerous. Certain poems and paintings can fill me with a sense of wonder that is similar to people's religious experiences.

Explaining the ultimate enigmas

THE THREE GREAT GUIDES

A JOURNALIST once put the question to me — if I went to Heaven, which great philosopher would I try to talk to first?

The first is Socrates. To me he represents reason. He posed the fundamental questions upon which philosophy is based. Who are we? Where do we come from?

The universe is such an amazing enigma; just wondering about it makes me feel alive. The fact that we cannot answer all the questions about the universe does not matter. Pondering on them is enough.

Unlike some scientists, I do believe that there is some kind

of purpose and direction behind the evolution of the universe. I do not think that it has all been an accident.

The second person I would like to meet is Jesus. He was the most important moral philosopher of all. He taught

us compassion, forgiveness and how to get up and start again when we fall.

I am a member of the Lutheran State Church of Norway and I subscribe to the way Jesus taught us to live. However, I cannot say wheth-

er He is the son of God, or not, so I cannot believe in the Christian revelation.

Finally, I would like to meet Buddha. To me he stands for contemplation and oneness. I believe that we are all part of a larger whole. Many years ago my doctor asked me to take some tests and I was afraid that I might have a serious illness. I went for a long walk in the forest and was comforted by the thought that I was part of all the nature around me.

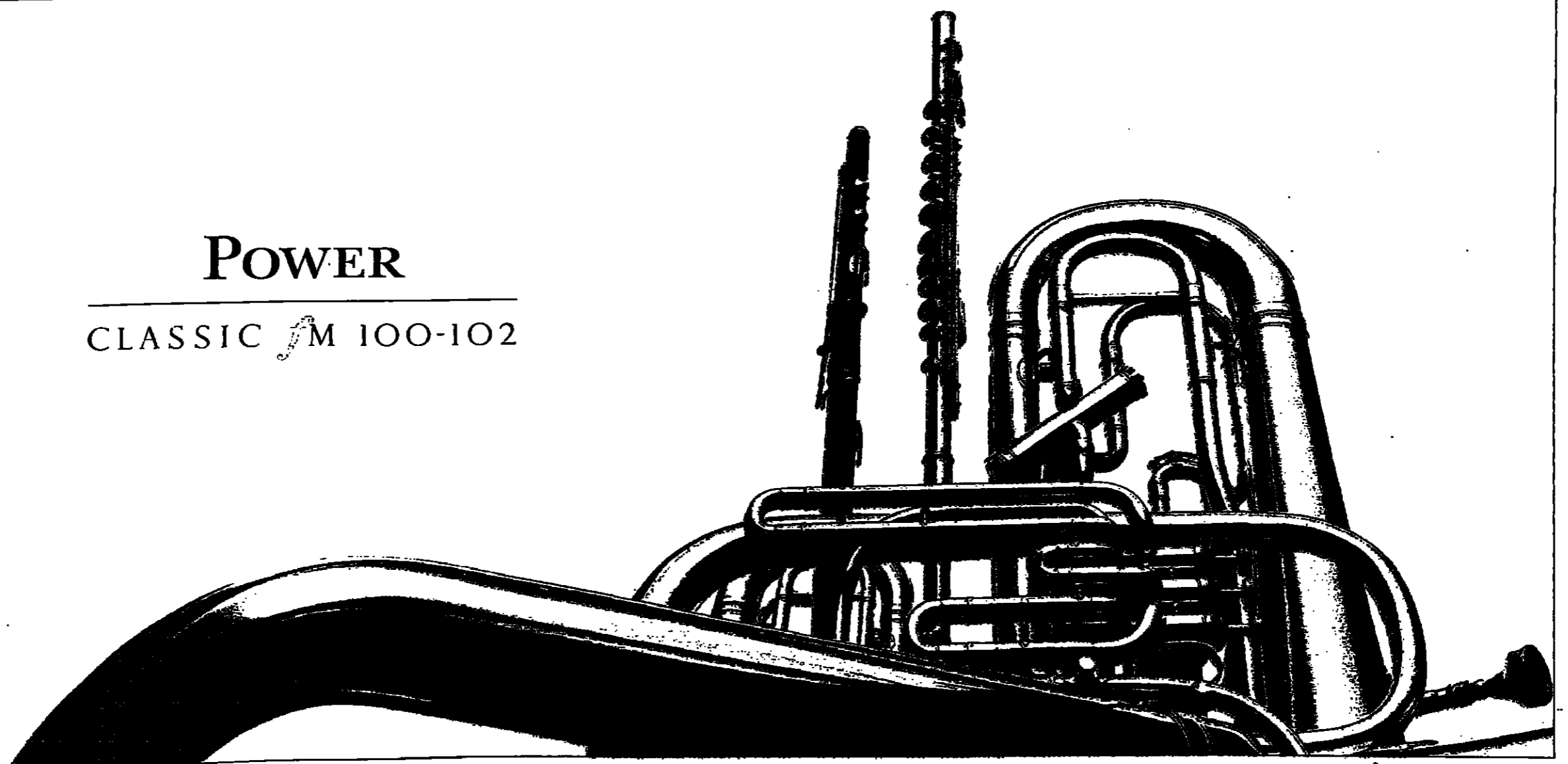
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The human role in climatic change

Heat of the debate

CHARGE and counter-charge are warring to and fro in the debate over global warming. This month the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a report concluding that the evidence "suggests a discernible human influence on global climate".

But the document has been attacked. First a group of environmental scientists, the European Science and Environment Forum, said that the IPCC had condensed oversimplified summaries of complex issues, and reached conclusions not justified by the evidence.

Then an industrial body, the Global Climate Coalition (GCC), accused the IPCC of allowing a key chapter to be re-edited. This is Chapter 8, which deals with the question of whether human activities are having an effect on the world climate.

John Shlaska, the executive director of the GCC, says that the revised version over-emphasises the human role in climate change. The changes, he says, raise questions over whether the IPCC has "compromised or even lost its scientific credibility".

"Dangerous and absurd," responds Dr Ben Santer, an atmospheric scientist from Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California, who re-edited the chapter. "Scurrilous," says Sir John Houghton, co-chairman of the IPCC's scientific working group.

Altering the chapter, he says, was perfectly within IPCC's rules, and many of the



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changes were prompted by the GCC, which lobbied oil-producing countries to oppose the original chapter. "This was resisted by the IPCC and we have now ended up with a document that is scientifically much better," he told *Nature*.

Dr Roger Bate, the director of the Environment Unit at the Institute of Economic Affairs in London, says the IPCC reminds him of George Orwell's *1984*, where history was rewritten to conform to political whims. The clarifications, he says, have cleansed the report of any sense of uncertainty.

For example, the original version contains the sentence: "None of the studies cited above has shown clear evidence that we can attribute the observed changes to the specific cause of increases in greenhouse gases."

In the revised version, says Dr Bate, this is replaced by: "Implicit in these global mean results is a weak attribution statement — if the observed global mean changes over the last 30 to 50 years cannot be fully explained by natural climate variability some (unknown) fraction of the changes must be due to human influences."

Dr Santer says all the changes can be scientifically justified. But Dr Bate is unrepentant, arguing that the report will convince governments to cut the use of fossil fuels at 1997's Climate Change Convention. If so, he says, "this will be the most expensive policy decision ever made".

Sponge away a bad bone break

A SPONGE soaked with the genetic material DNA could be the answer to difficult bone breaks that refuse to mend, a team from the University of Michigan has reported. The researchers found that an open matrix made of the structural material collagen and impregnated with the genes that create bone protein caused rapid repair of broken bones in rats.

Most bones repair well, but there are times when large gaps have to be bridged. Bone-grafting can be used to fill the gaps but does not always work. The new method may provide an alternative, says Professor Jeffrey Bonadio, whose team reported the results in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

When the collagen sponges are placed in the gaps, cells start growing across them. They then apparently take up the DNA with which the sponges have been baited, and start making the proteins. He admitted he did not understand the process, but added: "If we can do this in bone tissues, we can do it in other wounds. It is difficult to sew a liver back together. Using the collagen matrix, it would depend only on the DNA used."

Why some cells self-destruct

THE trigger that leads cells to self-destruct has been discovered by scientists at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel. The finding may help in understanding diseases believed to be caused by the process, such as juvenile diabetes and multiple sclerosis.

Cell suicide, or apoptosis, is a process vital to the shaping of organs. But in autoimmune diseases, where the immune system starts destroying its host, the process goes wrong. For some time it has been known that cells get the instruction to destruct through three receptor molecules on their surfaces.

The team, led by Professor David Wallach, has discovered that an enzyme turns this instruction into action. It is relayed from the receptor to proteins within the cell, which it then chops up, causing the cell to die. "We were amazed to discover how little it takes to trigger cellular self-destruction," says Professor Wallach, whose team published their findings in the journal *Cell*. "It's as if cells always live on the brink of suicide." The enzyme has been called MACH. The team believes its discovery may make it possible to block some diseases.



Norris McWhirter searches for the first place to witness sunrise on the millennium

Where will the first sunrise of the millennium take place? A true sunrise occurs the instant an observer sights the upper limb of the Sun breaking above an unobscured sea horizon.

Because we rarely see a true sunrise, however, we may instead look for the first apparent sunrise. This is defined as the observation of the Sun rising from behind any land mass that obscures the true sea horizon.

There are five general locations that vie for the honours as the place able to toast the earliest sunrise of the year 2000. These are: Antarctica; the Antipodes Islands; the Chatham Islands; Tonga; and Caroline Islands, Kiribati.

Since sunrise seems to be so well-defined, why should there be any doubt in establishing priority? The sunrise isochron (time) for January 1, 2000, immediately after midnight, lies just west of the International Dateline, at 179° 59'E, and has been computed as falling at a maximum latitude

The dawn of a new age

of just over 66°S at sea level. The calculation assumes that a sunrise must be preceded by a sunset. With the Antarctic cap rising almost two miles high in places, an observer would still have to be at sea level to see a sunrise.

It has been established, therefore, that no new year sunrise above a sea horizon can be observed from the Antarctic Adelle coast. Cape Ellsworth, the northern tip of Young Island, is about six-and-a-half nautical miles too far south to have a qualifying sunrise. The sunrise at Campbell Island is too late to be a contender.

You could try to catch the earliest millennium sunrise on terra firma in the uninhabited Antipodes Islands from the summit of the 366 metre-high Mount Galloway (49° 5'S, 178° 47.08'E) at 3:54am. New Zealand standard time, or 15:54 GMT. However, these islands are owned by the New Zealand Government and administered by its Department of Conservation (DoC).

While the DoC does occasionally make, flora and fauna monitoring visits, permission for attempts to land by tourists or millenniumists, would not, one fears, even be considered. There is no aircraft landing strip and surrounding seas are rough — even rougher than the negligible prospect of clear summer visibility at dawn.

The earliest practical and populated location for greeting any new year dawn, however, is on New Zealand's Chatham Islands. This location is favoured by Japanese television companies, who descended there on December 31, 1989, to transmit satellite pictures of the dawn of the Nineties.

The Chathams (44°S, 176°W) comprise four islands where the sunrise is more than half an hour earlier than even the summit of Mount Hikurangi.

near Gisborne, on the New Zealand mainland. The earliest sunrise in the Chathams falls on Pitt Island's easterly peak, Hakepa.

The earliest sunrises actually observed anywhere in the world, therefore, occur on or around Hakepa, North Head Farm, Pitt Island, which has a population of 55. The population of the Chathams as a whole is 750. Pitt Island actually has a grass airstrip, though it is limited to light commuter aircraft. It also has a wharf.

Meanwhile, travel companies and local authorities in Tonga are promoting the tropical Nuku'alofa Atoll as the place. Even His Majesty King Tafa'ahau Tupou IV is involved. However, he cannot change the fact that the sunrise is 61 minutes behind Pitt Island and is therefore yesterday's news for the satellite television companies and those to whom time is everything.

Just when North Head Farm on Pitt Island, which is worked and owned by Ken and Eva Lanauze, seemed to be accepted as the prime accessible location for first toasting in the year 2000, word came of unexpected competition.

President Tito, the President and head of government of the independent Kiribati (pronounced Kiri-bass) announced to the world that he had singlehandedly rearranged the International Dateline running through his 16-year-old country of 36 islands. This meant that the easternmost uninhabited Caroline Islands (9° 58'S, 157° 13'W) could hypothetically upstage all Chathams included. These 20 islets, rising to a height of 20ft, have a combined area of less than 950 acres. Appropriately enough, the national flag of Kiribati features a rising sun.

The International Dateline was established by the International Meridian Conference of 1884. It passed and still passes at 180° longitude through Kiribati (formerly known as the Gilbert Islands). The changes of receiving international ratification of a new, and huge, eastward kink in the International Dateline is slim.

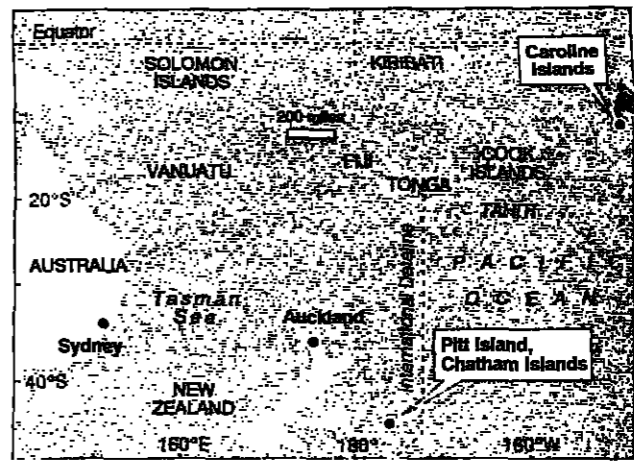
The groups promoting the waterless, unpopulated Caroline Islands as the first uninhabited place to see the sunrise

may find bureaucratic hurdles of higher magnitude than they bargained for.

Very high altitude appears to be the little-known plan of a group of balloonists, who believe that an extremely expensive high ascent over the South Pacific might outstage all the contending terrestrial sights.

For all the ingenuity, contortions and distortions, the solid fact remains that the earliest new millennium sunrise from a terrestrial, accessible and populated site will be North Head Farm on Pitt Island. Along with the rest of the Chathams, Ken and Eva Lanauze will be able to greet the millennial midnight in their unique time zone a full 45 minutes ahead of anyone else in the world.

● Norris McWhirter is the founding editor of the Guinness Book of Records (1954-89), and a director of The Millennium Adventure Company.



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Face to face with the lookalikes

Your face can be your fortune if you are a double for the famous — until your doppelganger falls out of the headlines. Joseph Connolly looks into the strange world of the lookalikes

Did you know that John Major was born in Glasgow in 1947, the son of a bricklayer, left school at the age of 15 in order to join the Merchant Navy and then got a job on the shop floor of a Weaver to Wearer?

It must be true because before my very eyes across the table in the cosy gloom of Gerry's Club in Dean Street, Soho — one of the few places, apparently, where the Prime Minister feels comfortable and at ease — he is telling me so, pausing only to sip a glass of claret and puff on the first of a succession of fags.

The resemblance of Peter Friel, flooring consultant, to the rightful incumbent of 10 Downing Street, is really quite extraordinary, even close up. It is only when he speaks that the spell is broken, for instead of the flat and ponderous tones one expects there comes a light, quite clipped and undeniably Glaswegian accent.

Did he never consider classes to teach him to speak as dully as his illustrious doppelganger? "That would really be too much — I'd talk like that forever, and then I'd go nuts." For here is the truth about the very sane, witty and affable Mr Friel — unlike most lookalikes, he has never done anything at all to encourage or bolster his resemblance to Major.

The hair? Natural silver colour, always had it in that very same style. The heavy TV-screen glasses? Been wearing them forever. The invisible dark blue suits and striped ties? The clothes of choice. As to the very slightly pigeon-toed walk and the nearly indetectable stoop of the shoulder: inherent. When did Friel first become aware of his accidental potential for a useful second income?

"It was in 1990, when John Major made his first television speech as Chancellor; it was quite a shock



Is it really him? Roy Hattersley meets the Prime Minister's lookalike Peter Friel. The look is completely natural, right down to the hair, spectacles and suit, Friel says

seeing myself on television. Others noticed it too, of course, so I got myself an agent through the *Yellow Pages*. I thought it might be a bit of fun; didn't expect it to last six years. (Maybe Major didn't either.)

How does it feel to be stared at by people who think you are someone else? "Initially it was very strange indeed — stranger still when really quite famous people were deferential to me. This happened even when I'd opened my mouth and blown my cover. A typical event for me would be a business gathering; I don't have to do anything, just stand around with a drink — not smoking, of course. It was an odd feeling — I wasn't me, but I wasn't Major either. Nowadays it just seems natural."

On the night of the last general election, Peter Friel was dining at Stringfellow's at the invitation of the eponymous owner (naturally enough) while each constituency result was flashed up on giant screens. He lost count of the number of people who came up and congratulated him: "You're doing a fine job, sir!" they cried.

I did not strike one of them as a little odd that the Prime Minister should be spending the evening alone with Peter Stringfellow in his nightclub on election night. Friel was his head in mute disbelief. "Some people I meet are so stupid it's a wonder they're allowed to vote at all." There are some things he will not do. "An American magazine of-

ferred me \$25,000 for a photoshoot surrounded by beautiful naked women. I didn't do it — not just for the sake of Major's image. I myself didn't want to. At some events I attend there are topless Page 3 models — you have to make sure when the cameras go off that you are looking the other way, otherwise it would be embarrassing for both of us." And (the real John Major might take heart) he is propositioned a fair deal too. "I don't take them up on it," smiles Friel, "you don't know where they've been."

Friel was married for 17 years and has a grown-up son. Now he is single again, this and his flexible day work as a flooring contractor allowing him the freedom to take on Major jobs as and when they

come along. "They're sometimes very short notice — you can be measuring by day, and two hours later dining with Marilyn Monroe, Winston Churchill and Elvis, while opposite you the Queen is stuffing her face."

How does he get on with all the other lookalikes? "Some are very nice, many of them are crazy. There are three Queens — Jeanette Charles is the best, and a perfectly pleasant woman. But Elizabeth Richards — she behaves very imperiously indeed: thinks she's the Queen even when she's having a cup of tea. Once on a train to Manchester, people were looking at me and not her — she was, how can I put it, not pleased."

The expression on Friel's face suggests that she would not have

hesitated in decapitating the lot on the spot. "And Diana Ross gets very carried away — really believes she's a superstar: it's very sad. Michael Jackson is white and Irish with a terrible wig held on by an elastic band. Pauline Bailey does Marilyn — she's very nice."



Imperious: Elizabeth Richards

of work because their character is a has-been. There's nothing odd for Max Bygraves, for instance. "There's one 30-year-old I know who wears all the wigs, make-up and timewarp clothes of a once huge pop star. I won't say who. He walks around airports so that people will look at him. One of the Princess D's sleeps with absolutely anyone. Thatcher, of course, was dropped like a stone."

So what are Mr Friel's prospects? "I'm under no illusions. If Major fails in the next election, my phone stops ringing. But he won't — he'll be in with a majority of between 25 and 30. A spot of wishful thinking? "No," says Friel. "I was right last time — I said a majority of 22, and it was 21."

What is Friel's personal view of the great man? "I admire him a lot, although I've never met him — maybe for obvious reasons. Best Prime Minister since Macmillan. Thatcher was the worst thing that ever happened to this country." But Friel is a Tory, is he? He pauses. "I suppose I am now," he says.

Are there any downsides to this very singular job? "I worry about security a bit. Once I was alone in an airport in Northern Ireland and felt none too happy. I avoid pubs — there's always a fool who'll have a go." This is why he comes to Gerry's. "It's safe here," he says. "Safe. Some lookalikes complain about the fees, but I think they're fine — between £150 and £400 for hanging around doing nothing: it's not as if you need talent, or anything."

And what are the reactions to customers waiting to be measured up for a new carpet? The doorbell rings and there on the mat is the Prime Minister. Friel's eyes twinkle behind the famous spectacles in a very Majorian manner. "They're floored," he says.

THERE used to be something irredeemably vulgar about tattoos. Associated with sailors, hikers, convicts, rough-necks and neurotic outsiders, they gave the wearer a frisson of seediness and danger that smart society found altogether disagreeable.

When Sean Connery was chosen to play James Bond, the tattoo on his forearm, a symbol of his rough, urban Scottish adolescence, was dili-

Vulgarity is skin deep

gently disguised by cosmetic artists. In ancient Rome, slaves were branded with tattoos in much the same way Texan

that ranchers used to mark their cattle. This practice was to find an unhappy echo in the Nazi death camps. During the skinhead reviv-

al of the late 1970s, acquaintances of mine ruined their hands and arms with ineptly applied tattoos. One even had a large blue spider's web tattooed on his face — it was an act of sullen disillusionment.

Damien Hirst's sheep suspended in a tank of formaldehyde, the image of physical abuse and disintegration in the movie *Trainspotting*, the nihilistic fashion for body piercing and self-mutilation, the resurgence of interest in tattooing — all are part of an end-of-century obsession with the body.

Nowadays, though, so urgent is our quest for novelty and so eager are we to gesture at rebellion, that tattooing has acquired a modish respectability.

Jean Paul Gaultier's models are festooned in semi-permanent, washable tattoos. The actor Johnny Depp has the name of his lover engraved on his arm.

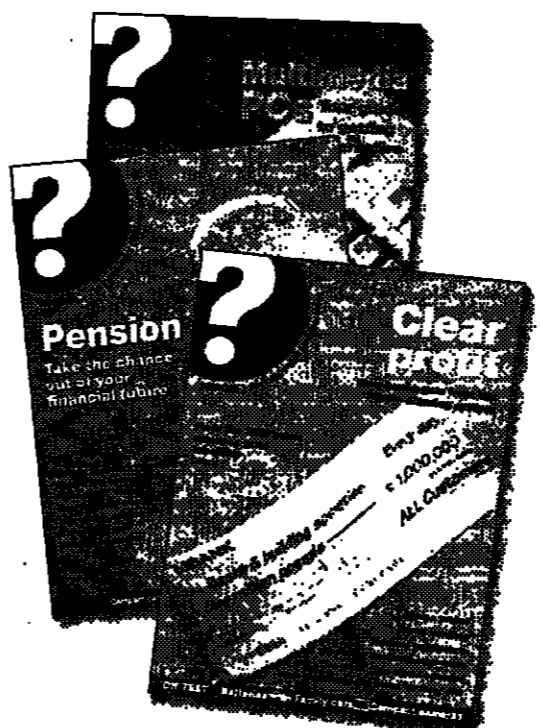
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Judith Chernaik invites entries for the first London *Poems on the Underground* poetry competition

A Tube platform of your own

Ever since we started posting poems in London Underground carriages, poets have been sending us their work, with verse arriving daily from prisons and nursing homes, primary schools (with crayon drawings) and adult education courses. The romance of the Tube travels well: we have had manuscripts from Kharkov in Ukraine, Transkei in southern Africa, China, Taiwan, Tokyo, Australia and New Zealand. But our arrangement with London Underground limits us to published work, and until now we have had to return most unsolicited poems.

Now, ten years on, we have taken a great plunge into the unknown, hand in hand with *The Times Literary Supplement*, which is underwriting our first joint poetry competition. New and established poets are invited to submit unpublished poems of no more than 15 lines, on any aspect of urban life. Three prizewinning poems will be displayed on the Tube and published in the TLS; the first prize is £1,000, with two runners-up prizes of £500 each. We expect a huge and varied entry, and should end up with a fine collection of poems on urban themes — material for several more years of Underground poems.

We hope aspiring poets will find the theme challenging: cities, immortalised in all their prosaic squalor by Dickens, Balzac or Dostoevsky, can be resistant to the Muse. But there is a long and honourable tradition of urban poetry going back to the classical poets and their 18th-century English heirs — Pope, Swift, Gay and Johnson — all of whom wrote wittily about the pleasures of the "dear, damn'd, distracting town".

The Romantic poets, naturally, took a darker view. Poems engraved in the pavement of the South Bank Jubilee Walk, between Westminster Bridge and Waterloo, include Blake's indictment of mercantile London: "I wander thro' each charter'd street/ Near where the charter'd Thames does flow/ And mark in every face I meet/ Marks of weakness, marks of woe."

A few steps further along, we find Shelley writing from Italy, contrasting that "Paradise of exiles" with "London, that great sea, whose ebb and



John Betjeman's words and Hugh Casson's illustration form part of the series that has been making London travel a bit less dull for ten years

Great was my joy with London at my feet —
All London mine, five shillings in my hand
And not expected back till after tea!

flow/ At once is deaf and loud, and on the shore/ Vomits its wrecks, and still howls on for more."

Probably the best-known of all London poems is Wordsworth's description of Westminster Bridge at dawn: "Earth has not anything to show more fair... This City now doth, like a garment, wear/ The beauty of the morning; silent, bare/ Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie/ Open unto the fields, and to the sky."

The truth is that city life will always have its lovers, hence its chroniclers. And, as it

happens, our next set of poems, appearing later this summer, includes three London poems: Mimi Khalvati humming Chopin on the Circle Line, Herbert Lomas on pigeons practising sexual harassment in Greenwich Park, and Robert Herrick, 17th-century poet "of Brooks, of Blossoms, Birds, and Bowers", ecstatically celebrating his return to London from "long and irksome banishment" in Devon.

For better or worse, *Poems on the Underground* is inescapably urban, and it seems right for us to encourage poets

to write about modern life — which, for most of us, means the city. Almost every major city now displays poetry on its public transport system, a curious development which suggests that vast numbers of people hunger for intimations of beauty, grace and wit in their ordinary working lives.

And the poems transcend culture and nationality. We have now "exchanged" poems with Stockholm Transport and the New York City Subway. Poems by James Berry and Wendy Cope were on Helsinki trams last November, with Jean "Biruta" Breeze

and Ted Hughes represented in Oslo buses, courtesy of the British Council. The Paris Metro has Shakespeare and Whitman (in French translation) alongside Ronsard and Mallarmé. It might be pleasant to offer Eurostar travellers poems at Waterloo and the Gare du Nord — Baudelaire's *L'invitation au voyage*, perhaps, with Shelley's *Ozymandias* ("I met a traveller from an antique land").

Most puzzling (and touching) of all is the fact that poets dream of seeing their most intimate thoughts on view in a public place, to be shared with

thousands of strangers. Hence this competition. We hope it raises enough funds to enable us to continue offering the public poems by Shakespeare and the unsung Anon. But above all we'd like to encourage new work by established poets, and, best of all, to discover new voices.

The author is co-founder of *Poems on the Underground*. For entry forms for *The TLS/Poems on the Underground Poetry Competition 1996*, send an SAE to Poetry Competition, The TLS, Admiral House, 65-67 East Smithfield, London E1 9XJ. The closing date for entries is July 30

Making it up as they go

JAZZ: Chris Parker on the bizarre and the beautiful at a three-day festival of improvised music

Leo Feigin set up Leo Records in 1980 to document what he regarded as an extraordinary explosion of musical creativity in what was then the Soviet Union. In the 16 years since, his label (motto: music for the inquiring mind and the passionate heart) has extended its scope to embrace improvised music from both Europe and America, and the artists featured in *Unsung Music 1996* were as likely to hail from Dewsbury or Boston as Moscow.

What the nine acts featured during this three-day event did have in common, though, was a shared attitude to the fundamentals of music-making, one in which all thought of commercial success — or even survival — is eschewed in favour of the single-minded pursuit of unlettered self-expression, using any and all means necessary. These ranged between the relatively straightforward — each night's proceedings ended with bursts of free music on conventional instruments from Joe Maneri, Simon Fell and the Moscow Composers' Orchestra respectively — and the decidedly less so: the singer Lauren Newton's assortment of squeaky toys, or Vladimir Reztzky's plethora of unusual wind instruments.

Scottish trio Green Room's use of computers, doctored violins, piano innards and tape loops may have sprung from a dissatisfaction with the restrictions of conventional instrumentation, but the actual sound produced by the trio live, by turns sternly abstract and gently evocative, was uncomfortably close to New Age soundscape for many of the assembled faithful.

More to their taste was the first night's following act, a duo featuring Oregon-born but Europe-based Newton and German guitarist Thorsten Horstmann. Newton specialises in "human" sounds — sighs, small screams, subdued whispering like half-heard conversation, choking noises — and Horstmann plunders an ordinary acoustic guitar for every sound it can produce by being strummed, rapped, plucked or attacked with a variety of implements.

The result is surprisingly dramatic and oddly absorbing. The highlight of the second night was the Joe Morris Trio, drawing attention to the work of pianist/composer Lowell Davidson, who died at 39 in obscurity extreme even by improvised-music standards. The band's four pieces took careful, compressed ideas and expanded them in an extraordinary variety of unexpected ways. Morris himself producing a clear, almost old-fashioned sound by entirely avoiding post-Hendrix electronic effects in favour of refreshingly direct, unfussy expressiveness.

Means of self-expression became even less conventional on the third evening. Hungarian composer Tibor Szemzo gave a performance of his extended piece *Tractatus*, in which readings from Wittgenstein (in seven languages), triggered from tapes by a hand-held remote control, were set against Szemzo's deep, pleasantly wavering voice singing a repeated melodic phrase embellished with passages of flute playing. The overall effect has been compared with Steve Reich; the actual experience was more akin to listening to a weird mixture of Ivor Cutler, Nico in her *Marble Index* period and Leonard Cohen.

Szemzo was immediately followed by the Chicago-born composer and multi-instrumentalist Anthony Braxton who, in a duo with Newton, unveiled a new example of his "ghost trance" music, the result of his recent researches into Native American ritual procedures. Scurrying but strangely hypnotic music flowed out of his assortment of saxophones, clarinets and flutes; Newton followed him magnificently through the hour-long score, occasionally stopping to improvise or ring a handbell, flash a torch or honk a car horn in obedience to cards randomly selected from a spinning board.

If jazz truly is the "sound of surprise" as the critic Whitney Balliett so famously claimed, then Leo Records, despite the apparent eccentricity of many of its artists, is as firmly in the tradition as *Blue Note*.

FRINGE THEATRE: A question of life or death movingly explored; Ancient Rome updated

Claire Luckham came to prominence with the fierce, feminist comedy *Trafalgar Tanzi*. *Benedict Nightingale* writes. As she confides in the programme for *The Choice* (at the Orange Tree, Richmond), she also has a brother with Down's syndrome. If you were to suspect that she has decidedly mixed

Dramatic profundities

feelings about abortion, you would be right. I don't think I have seen a more moving treatment of the subject, or one that more fully recognised the complexities often inherent in

the tug between life and choice.

Mostly, the play involves Sal (Eve Matheson) and her partner Ray (Charles Simpson), who are devastated to discover that the much-wanted baby she is expecting has Down's syndrome. He wants the birth to go ahead; but she, who had convinced herself she could handle a backward child, finds her heart telling her the opposite. The scene in which her 22-week pregnancy is ended left a woman opposite me in tears and, I must admit, activated the lump I keep in my throat.

Where does Luckham stand? Nowhere fixed and ideological, that's for sure. This impression is strengthened by the presence of a narrator, cautiously called The Writer, who cuts into the action to tell us of her brother, an affable soul who lives in sheltered housing yet reads, writes and takes a lively interest in European history. At the end we see photos of him, blowing out the candles on his 50th birthday cake; but Luckham is careful to emphasise that many Down's syndrome sufferers are far more helpless than him.

For a bit I thought that the gynaecologist who oversees all

this was too much the smug, arrogant caricature. But Luckham suggests that behind the smiling mask is an insecure man with a drinking problem and a suspicion that his job has cut him off from God. Here is a play which manages to look at a painful personal, social, ethical, medical and metaphysical question in the round and provokes, grips and touches as it does so. I strongly recommend it.

After Sarah Kane's present-day version of *Phaedra*, where a fat and slothful Prince Hippolytus was up to no good at the end of *The Mall*, comes Paul Godfrey's transposition of a play by the Roman playwright Terence to a Holiday Inn. *Jeremy Kingston* writes.

Godfrey's source for *The Invisible Woman* (at the Gate) is *Heceyra*, which means "Mother-in-Law", and the plot tells how Pamphilus's wife Philumena hides with her mother to give birth to a baby after only six months of marriage. The corridor of a Holiday Inn, with Muzak playing (I grew tired of this) and three bedroom doors, is a brain-wave equivalent to a city street. Here the members of the two families meet, wanting

to learn why the girl has disappeared and why her mother won't let them into the room.

The explanation is that Philumena was raped by a stranger three months before her marriage, and eventually we learn that three months before his marriage Pamphilus raped an unknown girl. In the original the denouement makes for a happy ending because nobody is shown to be upset by the rape; my guess is that this is why Terence kept the raped girl off the stage because what could he give her to say?

Such an aching word won't do for us, and Godfrey gives the women some credible reactions while keeping them within the framework of the artificial story, drawing attention to this with his amusingly formal dialogue. The mothers-in-law are a particularly happy invention. Anne Firbank and Eliza Hunt expressing dismay with perfect poise and vowels. Godfrey also gives individuality to the fathers-in-law: Ron Davies businesslike, David Peart a hopeless ditherer.

The play is a trifle, neatly achieved by Godfrey and Ramin Gray on a virtually two-dimensional set from Lucy Weller stretching lengthwise along the theatre. The Romans' acceptance of rape as little more upsetting than a banana skin is certainly weird.

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A happy birthday tribute



A marvel of operatic know-how from Germany's leading composer: The Prince of Homburg, presented by ENO to honour Hans Werner Henze

Opera
Nikolaus Lehnhoff's production of The Prince of Homburg, first seen in Munich four years ago, is a nice 70th birthday present from English National Opera to Hans Werner Henze. A new production of a more recent work would have been even nicer, but in these straitened times we must be grateful for what we get. At least it provides an opportunity to marvel afresh at the sheer operatic know-how displayed in this early piece, unseen here for more than 30 years.

Opera
The Kleist play from which Ingeborg Bachmann's libretto is drawn has long been all things to all men. The cavalry commander of the title, a decidedly un-Prussian dreamer, abscondedly disregards orders in battle and although victorious is court-martialed. He pleads - via women! - for clemency, and only when he publicly recognises the justice of the death sentence is he reprieved. In 1810 this was considered a shocking slur on the military caste; later in the century it

With its theme of "Virtuosity and the virtuoso", this year's Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music has set itself a special challenge. But in two concerts last week it met that challenge splendidly, fielding performers and programmes that captured the virtuoso essence of Baroque style with ease.

Concerts
Lufthansa Festival
St James's, Piccadilly
two flutes, and Jed Wentz and Marion Moonson span long lines on their soft-grained Baroque instruments. Vivaldi was featured the following night. Four works of dazzling, varied invention - we need to forget the cliché about Vivaldi composing the

LONDON
GIANNINA FERRIO The New Festival continues as the composer's challenging work based on Schiller's play The Maid of Orleans receives its first Garden premiere. Directed and directed by Philip Prowse, this new production has Jane Anderson in the title role. With Dennis O'Neil and Vicki Chenow. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 0RQ. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 2.30pm. Tickets: 10-30.

TODAY'S CHOICE
A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Mark Hargre

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Before we become completely irrational about child abuse, we should ask what it really involves

There has seemed in recent days a hint of McCarthyism in the air: something very faintly reminiscent of Salem, Massachusetts, in the time of the witch trials. Here is Bernard Levin writing 30 years ago, during the Profumo affair, on Britain's fevered interest in high-society decadence...

Our feelings about sex are a weird knot of reverence, disgust, dread, guilt and desire

Am I wrong in detecting the whiff of Salem again, this time on another matter? I was never abused as a child. At my boarding school and in the Boys' Brigade I had no brush with abuse...

Let me suggest reasons for unease. Language provides useful pointers to suspect reasoning and whenever this subject is raised, even by way of a real-life case, one is struck by the swift, sharp retreat into the most unscientific term available - "abuse".

Did it involve genital arousal, or even penetration? Penetration of what, by what, how? Which party led the other on? How much did the child mind, and what might the adult have thought the effect on the child to be?

Sir George may not be loyal to John Major, but local Tories will have to back him

Time to cultivate our Gardiners

Before his election to Parliament, George Gardiner was for ten years the political correspondent of Thomson Regional Newspapers...

How would one have described him in those days? With a rather lanky true blue Tory, with his right-wing political principles bred in the bone...

Now George Gardiner is in trouble in Reigate. On Friday evening his constituency association will be meeting in Reigate Grammar School to decide whether to select or deselect him...

If the Conservatives lose Reigate they lose their majority, and will depend, precariously, on Ulster Unionist support to get through next winter. The Conservatives would be expected to lose an early general election, possibly by a landslide...

which in Reigate means a dry white burgundy and canapés. He is not a charmer like Nick Scott, who was lucky to survive in Chelsea in more difficult circumstances.



Friday evening will be that every vote against George Gardiner will be cast by Major loyalists but could have the effect of destroying John Major's parliamentary majority...

working hard to support him, for fear of a by-election. He has even been warmly praised at a constituency dinner by the irritable Brian Mawhinney...

The troubles in Reigate are fairly typical of the disturbed state of many constituency associations. The Conservatives regularly reconstitute their constituency parties in opposition...

In their periods of strength, Conservative associations have worked very closely with Conservative leadership in local government. The losses of local government seats were bound to damage the associations as well...

An escapologist out of luck

John Major has wriggled out again, says Peter Riddell, but can he survive the people's test?



RIDDELL ON MONDAY

John Major is condemned to survive. He has repeatedly faced, or set himself, political traps from which he has eventually escaped. Starting with the endless Maastricht saga...

ing the slaughter of more cattle than originally suggested. The non-cooperation policy probably made little difference to the summit deal...

ular issues. Britain does not want to suffer from being outside an inner monetary or political core. This dispute will surface at the two Dublin summits...

backing non-cooperation. And to satisfy his own sceptics, Mr Major may now feel he has to sound tougher about the IGC, even though he is likely to stop well short of their desire (shared by some in the Cabinet) to repatriate powers from the EU...

been able to raise enough money to pay for agents, and the organisations have deteriorated. As they get weaker, and membership falls, they tend to become more divided, because there is no convincing leadership to hold them together...

Chop of bother

THE Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, appalled music-lovers at the Aldeburgh Festival at the weekend when she disrupted a Mahler symphony during a quiet moment by taking off in a helicopter outside the hall.



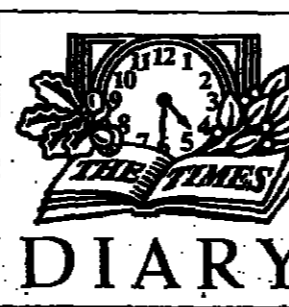
Bottomley: disturbance

● The Princess of Wales's brother, Lord Spencer, has come up against a formidable authority in Cape Town. The head of the girls' school attended by his young daughter Kitty has turned down his repeated requests to allow a bodyguard to accompany her during school hours. Quite right too.

More Cash JOHN MAJOR may resent her giving money to Bill Cash, but Baroness Thatcher was back loyally fund-



"I still prefer the Royal Mail deliveries"



raising on Saturday night, at Belvoir Castle near Grantham.

She was the Duke of Rutland's guest of honour at a £100-a-head bash in aid of the Tory fund for marginal seats. Some £25,000 was raised. British beef was eaten and the lady received a seven-gun salute from the 18th-century cannon.

What a hoot ALAN AYCKBOURN and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical By Jewels' has run into a spot of bother with the local constables. Simon Day, who plays Gussie Fink-Nottle in the P.G. Wodehouse adaptation is due in court in Scarborough next week, on the day of the first night in the West End.

He is up on a bothersome charge which Gussie, the new-fancier, might well have committed himself. "I borrowed my landlady's car and she said I was insured. But it rather turns out that actually I wasn't," he stammers. "And I forgot to do up my seatbelt and the police pulled me over."

Of a kind ENGLAND footballer Stuart 'Psycho' Pearce's triumphant penalty at Wembley on Saturday was one thing. Yesterday, he lived another dream. A former punk rocker himself, he popped down to Finsbury Park in London with an escort from the Football Association for the chance to meet his favourite band, the Sex Pistols, when the aged punks regrouped for a concert. Pearce, who once wrote for punk



Pearce and his hero, Johnny Rotten

fanzines, says Anarchy in the UK by the Sex Pistols remains his favourite track. On the door of his gym at Nottingham Forest, a notice reads: "Mad Dog's Health Spa. No jeans. No guns. No knives." Punk compilation tapes blast out from the dressing-room at the Forest, where other players have to suffer his tasteless taste: the Stranglers, the Clash and the Damned. Pearce watched the game between Germany and Croatia while backstage, and was expected to watch the Pistols when they came on stage. "He's here to watch the Pistols. He's one of their greatest

fans." And he has been invited to watch their next concert in July. ● After driving herself to the Queen's Cup polo in Windsor Great Park yesterday, the Queen appeared to be in a frightful mood. She stomped past the crowds of youngsters without a smile or a wave. And matters didn't improve. When Kerry Packer's team won the trophy for best-dressed team, the bust of a horse fell off its pedestal and the Queen had to present it in two bits.



Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favourite of Elizabeth I... 1532: Alexander Adam, educator, Forbes, 1741: Lazare Hoche, general...

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 22 The Princess Royal, Sarah, Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly...

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Duke of Edinburgh as Char- nitor, will confer honorary degrees at the honorary degree congregation at Cambridge University...

DINNER

General Sir Charles and Lady Guthrie were the guests of honour at a dinner of the Royal Society of St George...

TRINITY HALL

The Commemoration of Benefactors was held yesterday in the Church of St Edward, King and Martyr, Cambridge...

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Sir Charles William Oatley, Emeritus Professor of Electrical Engineering and Fellow of Trinity College 1948-1996...

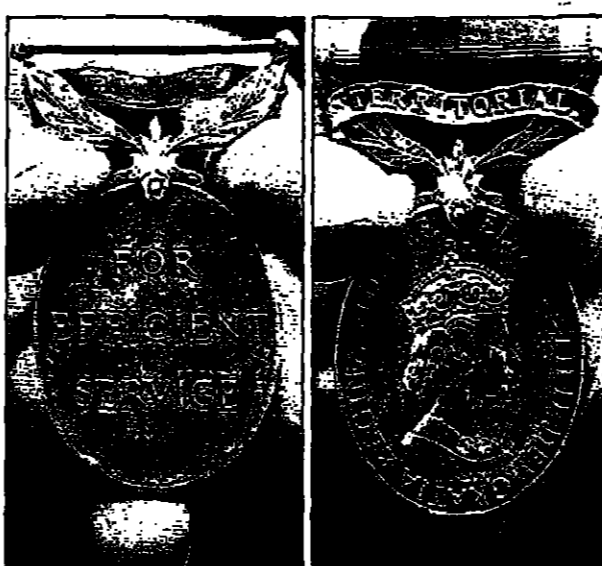
MORRIS LEIGH

A celebration service for the life of Morris Leigh, Ph.D (Hon), will be held on Monday, July 8, 1996...

Forces chiefs may extend good conduct medals to officer classes

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces are studying a special review board recommendation that officers as well as other ranks should be eligible for long service and good conduct medals...



Other ranks in the TA get only "efficiency medals" and no entitlement to letters after their names

Other ranks are presented with a silver medal after 15 years, provided their conduct has been "irreproachable"...

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Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Barrowclough, QC, former Ombudsman, 72; Mr Jeff Beck, guitarist, 52; Mr Quentin Bell, public relations consultant, 52; Viscount Bledisloe, QC, 62...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E. Allen and Miss C.J. Burke and the engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Allen...

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Commander D M Craig - RNVR, 47.96. 13.12.96 to 1.8.97 - MOD London...

Retirements

Air Commodore R D Arnold, 28.9.96. Group Captain L W Poynter, 29.9.96. Group Captain W S 3.9.96, 1.1.97. 7.9.96.

The Oratory School

Scholarship Examinations 1996 The following awards have been made: Academic Scholarships: E.L.L. Armstrong, The Oratory Junior House...

Latest wills

Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Hope Curhill of Colwall, Hereford & Worcester, the last British Chief of Naval Staff in India, left estate valued at £175,501 net.

Marriages

Mr C.R.P. Becham and Miss H.A.V. Mescock The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's, West Hoo, West Sussex...

Archaeology

Sex and drugs 'are as old as the hills' By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

Nature notes

In young conifer plantations, nightjars are singing their trilling song at dusk in the distance, the sound rises and falls as they move their head about...

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